

Questions about food waste recycling?

Will this service cost me more to use?

No, this service is available to households that have a Monash green bin. If you don't have a green bin please contact Waste Services on 9518 3555 to find out how you can get one.

Will collecting food scraps be smelly and messy?

Your kitchen caddy has a lid to reduce any smells. We recommend emptying the contents every few days. It's also easy to keep clean.

Do I have to put my food waste in the green bin?

It's up to you – however putting your food scraps in the green bin helps reduce landfill and is the easiest way for a household to reduce greenhouse emissions. It's a win-win for you and the environment!

Are we the first Council to introduce this?

No, other Councils have introduced this service and we are excited to be bringing it to Monash. We will provide lots of handy tips closer to July to answer all your questions.

What happens to the food and green waste?

It is collected and taken to a commercial organics composter. They transform the material into high grade compost that is sold to farmers, growing food for Victorians.

We'll share more information with you over the coming months. In the meantime, if you don't have a green bin and would like one, don't receive a caddy by August, or want to know more about food waste recycling:



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Food Waste Recycling is coming to Monash

Starting July 2020, food scraps can go in your green waste bin.



Why can food scraps now go in my green bin?

More than half the contents in Monash household garbage bins is food waste, which goes straight to landfill. This food waste rots in landfill, producing methane, a greenhouse gas.

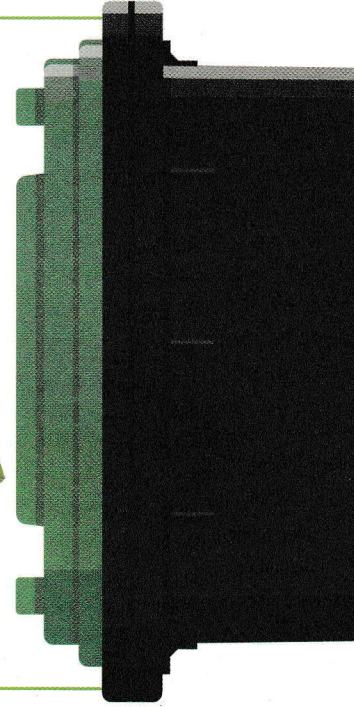
Your food scraps and garden prunings will be turned into high quality compost that farmers use to grow our food.

How can I do this?

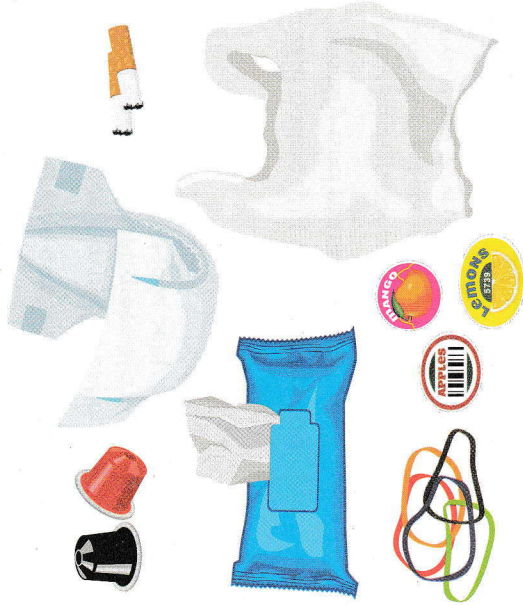
We will provide you with a sealed kitchen caddy to collect food scraps in the kitchen. This could live on your benchtop, under your kitchen sink or in your pantry, whatever works for you. Put fruit and vegetable peelings and leftovers, including cooked foods and meat, in your caddy. Empty the caddy contents into your green bin every few days. The caddy can be rinsed in the sink after washing dishes or put in the dishwasher.



Yes please: place these items in your green bin



No thanks: keep these items out of your green bin



Refer to the Monash website for a detailed list of accepted and non-accepted items.

What is changing?

Households with a green bin will receive a kitchen caddy and information booklet in July. When it arrives, you can start recycling your food scraps straight away.

There is no change to your bin collection schedule. Your bins will be collected on the same day, with garbage remaining weekly and recycling and green bins alternating fortnightly.

A new collection calendar for July 2020 to June 2021 will be delivered to you shortly.

