FACT SHEET

Garden Organics Service
– A 240L Green Lidded Garden Organics Bin (except rural properties)

📞 (02) 4677 1100

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The green lidded bin is for household garden waste and is collected fortnightly (alternate weeks to recycling). <u>Garden Organics are taken to a composting facility.</u>

Residents in residential areas are entitled to a 240L green lidded bin, or multiples of this. Rural areas are encouraged to compost their garden organics onsite.

Call the Waste Hotline on 1800 805 305 to order new bins or replace bins.

Fees and Charges for the waste service are <u>here</u>.

What can I put in my green bin?
Items include grass clippings, weeds and prunings, plants and shrubs, twigs and small branches, untreated timber, small quantities of fruit (still on the branch)

What can't I put in my green bin?
No plastic bags or general waste, rocks or soil, vegetable or food scraps, treated lattice or timber, garden pots, tools or hose, building material.

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COLLECTION SERVICE
Available in residential areas

The 240L green lidded garden organics bin is collected fortnightly. Customers are able to purchase additional services through Council if one bin isn't sufficient; these additional services are levied through the rates system.

Please remember, the lifting capacity of the vehicle is up to 80kg only. Putting wet grass or squashing extra grass into your bin may make it too heavy. Any bins exceeding 80kg may not be emptied. Composting for large amounts of garden organics is a good option for residents. An additional gardens organics collection is another option. Please call the **WASTE HOTLINE on 1800 805 305** for further information.

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Grass clippings	No plastic bags or general waste
Weeds and pruning's	No rocks or soil
Plants and shrubs	No vegetable or food scraps
Twigs and small branches (maximum 150mm diameter and 1 metre in length)	No treated timber or lattice
Untreated timber (maximum 150mm diameter and 1 metre in length)	No garden pots, tools or hose
Small quantities fruit and vegetables straight from the garden (attached to a vine or branch)	No building material

240L
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Where does my green bin material go?
Trucks take your green bin material to Jacks Gully, Spring Farm where it is made into a compost product that can be applied to agricultural land.

Green material is initially sorted for any items which should not be there, such as plastic bags, rocks, or any other items which are classed as contamination. Sorted green material goes through a chipping

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machine which shreds the material into smaller pieces and is then composted. Composting involves standing the material in piles until it reaches 60 degrees, turned, and heated up again three times. This actually pasteurises the pile and kills any weed seeds.

How is the end product used?
Once your green material has gone through the complete composting process to meet Australian Standard certification 4454, the product is sold to the agricultural industry where it used to assist farmers grow their crops.