

Household  
information guide

# Food scraps recycling service



**Thanks for  
being part of  
our food scraps  
recycling  
service.**

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# How it works in 4 easy steps

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## Collect food scraps in your kitchen caddy or container

- Line your caddy or container with a compostable bag or newspaper.
- Place all cooked and raw food scraps inside.



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## Empty your caddy just before it's full

- Seal food scraps by tying the liner bag or folding the newspaper.
- Empty at least every 2–3 days or more often in warm weather.



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## Deposit contents into your maroon lid bin

- Place your bagged or wrapped scraps in your maroon lid bin.
- Be sure to close the bin lid.
- In apartment buildings, your maroon lid bin will be in or near the main bin storage area.



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## Put out your maroon lid bin for collection:

- Put your bin out for every collection, even if it's not full.
- See your collection schedule at [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps)
- Bring in your bin after every collection and rinse out.
- If you live in an apartment and someone normally puts your bins out for collection, they will also put out your maroon lid bin(s).

We'll collect your maroon lid bin weekly if you live in a house, and twice-weekly if you live in an apartment.

# What goes in your bin?



Leftovers and spoiled food



Fruit and veg peelings



Dairy products



Eggs and eggshells



Meat, small bones, fish and seafood (no shells)



Bread, pastries, cakes and biscuits



Rice, grains, cereals, and noodles



Tea bags, tea leaves, and coffee grounds



Food soiled paper towels or napkins



Plastic bags and plastic film



Food packaging, takeaway containers, meat trays and foil



General rubbish

To get you started with food scraps recycling, we have given you a one-off supply of 200 compostable kitchen caddy liner bags.

If you use caddy liner bags they must be AS 4736 certified compostable.



Never use plastic, degradable, or biodegradable bags.

NO recyclables NO textiles NO garden organics

# Handy hints

- Wrap bones and other sharp items in newspaper to avoid piercing your liner bag.
- Wash your caddy with warm, soapy water.
- Rinse your maroon lid bin after every collection.
- Sprinkle bicarbonate of soda on the bottom of your caddy and bin to absorb liquids and odours.
- Discourage insects and bad smells by storing your caddy and maroon lid bin away from direct sunlight.
- Fully close your caddy and bin lid when not in use.
- Prevent odours by storing your caddy in the fridge and/or freezing meat and seafood scraps until the night before collection.



For more information or to report an issue call 02 9265 9333 or go to [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps)

## Where will your food scraps go?

Your food scraps will be sent to a composting facility and converted to nutrient-rich compost that can be used on farms and gardens.

By composting our food scraps, we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a useful product (compost) to improve soil health.

More about this at [cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/foodscraps)

## Save money and avoid food waste by:

- planning your meals
- shopping thoughtfully
- using up leftovers and
- storing your food wisely.

There are great tips on all this and more at [lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au](http://lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au)