

IN THE GARDEN

- Store your bins in the shade, make sure your bins are not overfull and the lids can close properly.
- Make sure your bins are free of cracks and splits and contact Council if they become damaged.
- Clear pet waste from the yard regularly. Pet waste except cat faeces and kitty litter can go into your green bin. Tie it up in a compostable bag to seal the waste and help contain smells.



Tired or broken bin?

Make sure your bin is free of cracks to help keep out pests and reduce odours. Contact Council for a bin check or to find out if you need a new one.

Get in touch

We're here to help when you need us

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MANAGING YOUR BINS IN SUMMER



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Flies are naturally attracted to food and rubbish because it provides the right environment for them to lay eggs that become larvae (maggots). In summer months, infestation of these pests in your bins is more likely. These options can help.



IN THE KITCHEN

- Separate food waste including meat, bones, seafood and dairy and put in your green bin to be collected weekly.
- Keep the lid of your food scraps bin closed.
- Use a compostable bag in your kitchen food scraps bin. Expel any air and tie the bag tightly before putting it into the green bin. Double bag if necessary.
- Food can be wrapped in newspaper if you prefer not to use a compostable bag.
- Store meat, bones and seafood in a sealed container or compostable bag in the freezer until bin night.
- Put your food scraps out every 2-3 days (more often in the hotter months).
- Rinse and wrap meat and dairy covered film and containers before placing them into the correct bin. Soft plastics can be recycled at most supermarkets if clean.
- Wrap meat absorption pads and dispose of them in the garbage.
- Clean the food scraps bin regularly using hot soapy water or in the dishwasher.

IN YOUR BINS

- Keep all bin lids closed.
- Use bi-carb soda in the bottom your garbage bins (it's a natural odour neutraliser) or a commercial product like "Bin Buddy".
- Line the bottom of your green bin with newspaper.
- Wash bins out (with bleach if possible) and dry with the lid open in the sun.
- Cover over food waste with garden waste. Spray citronella oil on top of the bin contents.
- Use tags such as "Binkill" to deter flies and maggots for up to three months.
- Consider boiling water to get rid of maggots if your bins do become infested.

Is your bin always full?

- As a first step, check that you've sorted your material into the three bins.
- Upsize your recycling bin for more space.
- Additional services are available for the green, recycling and garbage bin.
- Check out our online guide to reducing waste.

