

Consistent Communications

Agreed list: Better practice FOGO kerbside collections



This list helps local governments and regional councils to communicate the materials accepted in better practice FOGO kerbside collection systems. The list was developed in consultation with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), local governments and the Waste Authority's FOGO Reference Group.

This Agreed List is part of the [WasteSorted toolkit](#). The WasteSorted toolkit provides a suite of free resources for local governments and regional councils to communicate with residents about sorting waste correctly.

Shortlist for FOGO three-bin kerbside collections: used to communicate with residents

For communications to be effective in driving the correct behaviour, they should be consistent, simple and easy for residents to understand. This shortlist focuses on materials that maximise recovery and minimise contamination. Most local governments use this list to develop the main messages to be communicated with residents.

SHORTLIST Three-bin kerbside collection			
FOGO	Co-mingled recycling "Recycle these five"	General waste General waste (non-hazardous)	Other services Including vergeside, drop off, problematic waste, and specialised services.
• Food organics • Garden organics • Certified compostable caddy liners No plastic bags, nappies, glass.	• Paper • Cardboard • Cans • Plastic (bottles and containers) • Glass (bottles and containers) Items must be loose. Containers rinsed, lids off.	• Soft plastics • Soiled paper and cardboard, including coffee cups • Nappies • Hygiene and sanitary products • Animal droppings • Old/damaged clothing and textiles Preferred option is to drop-off recyclable items at a collection point for recovery (subject to availability). Please contact your local government to find suitable drop-off locations available in your area.	Refer to the extended list for details.

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Extended list for FOGO three-bin kerbside collections

The extended list provides more detail on what can be communicated to residents for kerbside services. Many local governments use this list to inform secondary messaging such as A – Z guides. To ensure the information being communicated with residents is current, please refer to the full [A – Z list](#) hosted by Recycle Right. This list is maintained by WALGA as part of the Consistent Communications Collective.

EXTENDED LIST Three-bin kerbside collection			
FOGO	Co-mingled recycling "Recycle these five"	General waste General waste (non-hazardous)	Other services Including vergeside, drop off, problematic waste, and specialised services.
Food organics - Fruit and vegetable scraps - Meat scraps, including bones - Seafood, including shells - Bread - Dairy - Eggshells - Loose tea leaves and coffee grounds - Food scraps and plate scrapings - Out-of-date food (unpackaged) Garden organics - Grass clippings - Plant cuttings - Leaves, flowers and weeds - Small branches and twigs Caddy liners - Certified Australian Standard compostable caddy liners (look for the seedling logo)  No plastic bags, nappies, glass.	Paper - Newspaper - Office paper (not shredded) - Magazines - Envelopes - Paper bags Cardboard - Packaging/cardboard boxes (clean and flattened) - Milk and juice cartons (no long-life cartons [foil lined]) Cans - Aluminium cans - Steel cans - Clean foil (scrunched in a ball at least 5 cm diameter) - Some metal lids Plastic - Plastic bottles and containers - Plastic punnets - Plastic lids (palm-sized or larger) Glass - Glass bottles and jars - Broken glass Items must be loose. Containers rinsed, lids off.	Hygiene products - Nappies and sanitary items - Toothbrushes - Toothpaste tubes - Dental floss - Disposable razors - Tissues and paper towels Textiles - Old/damaged clothing and textiles Packaging - Bamboo cutlery - Biodegradable and plant based compostable packaging, e.g. coffee cups* - Long-life cartons (foil lined) - Small plastic items, such as lids and bread tags - Ceramic and terracotta (including broken items) - Food-soiled packaging, e.g. pizza boxes and other takeaway food containers - Meat trays - Polystyrene - Soft plastics - Shredded paper Animal droppings - Kitty litter and pet poo Preferred option is to drop off recyclable items at a collection point for recovery (subject to availability). Please contact your local government to find suitable drop-off locations available in your area.	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) - HHW including batteries, paint, household chemicals, aerosol cans and gas canisters. - For a full list visit HHW Program » WasteNet E-waste - Computers and laptops - Computer monitors and TVs - Keyboards and printers - Cables and chargers - Phones - Rechargeable items (watches, power tools, e-bike batteries, toys) Materials from construction, demolition, and landscaping activities - Soil and sand, rocks and pebbles, timber, masonry, bricks, limestone, concrete - Many roofing materials Bulk waste - Furniture, white goods, mattresses Beverage containers Containers for Change – eligible (10c) drink containers and lids Other waste - Tyres, textiles (good quality suitable for donation), bulk dry recyclables, metals, used oil, polystyrene, soft plastics

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* The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is working with industry to identify potential recovery pathways for compostable packaging (such as coffee cups and lids).

