

# YOUR WEEKLY FOGO GUIDE

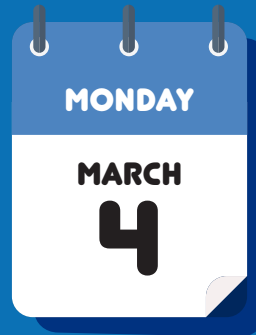


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# YOUR NEW BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Starts 4 March 2024



**WEEKLY**

**WEEK  
A**



**FORTNIGHTLY**



**WEEKLY**

**WEEK  
B**



**FORTNIGHTLY**

# YOUR BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE IS CHANGING

Port Pirie Regional Council is introducing food waste recycling to all residents.

From **4 March 2024** your kerbside bin collection service is changing. This will include:



Green-lid food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bin  
**COLLECTED WEEKLY**



Yellow-lid comingled recycling bin  
**COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY**



Red-lid landfill bin  
**COLLECTED FORTNIGHTLY**



## WHAT IS FOGO?

FOGO stands for 'Food Organics and Garden Organics' and it is the green-lid bin at home.

Anything that grows or once grew belongs in the green-lid FOGO bin, mostly importantly food!

This includes:

- all food waste (including meat, fish, bones, dairy/eggs, fruit, vegetables, and bread),
- soiled paper products (shredded paper, paper towel, tissues, and pizza boxes),
- Australian certified compostable packaging (AS4736 or AS5810),
- all garden organics (e.g. prunings and grass clippings).

Material placed in the green-lid FOGO bin is collected and taken to Peats where it is turned into compost.



## WHY WEEKLY FOGO?

Introducing weekly FOGO and changing to fortnightly landfill collections has significant benefits.

This includes:

- Increasing food recycling rates.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by stopping food going to landfill.
- Households have more bin capacity each fortnight.
- Reducing smell from the green FOGO bins, by collecting food and garden organics every week.
- Helping to grow the circular economy by turning FOGO into compost to help grow our food.

### NEED MORE CAPACITY?

Contact council if you need more bin capacity. Additional landfill or recycling bins are available to purchase.



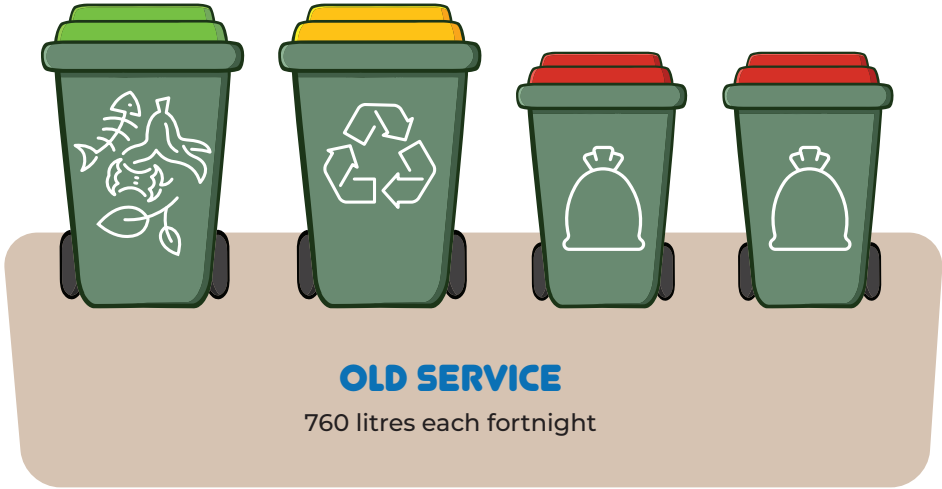
### WHAT IS IN THE LANDFILL BIN?

Recent audits found nearly one third of what is in the landfill bin can be recycled in the yellow-lid recycling or green-lid FOGO bin. Sorting and recycling this material will give you more space in your fortnightly landfill bin.

- **17% recyclables**
- **44% compostables**
- **39% landfill**

# BIN CAPACITY

Changing to weekly FOGO means you actually have more bin capacity. Correctly sorting material into the correct bin will help to manage less frequent landfill collections. You might be surprised that there isn't much left to put in the red-lid bin!





## COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Compostable bags are made of plant starch instead of oil. This means they break down in the composting process.

Only certified compostable bags with the logo should be placed in the FOGO bin. Never use plastic bags.

## NEED MORE COMPOSTABLE BAGS?

You can purchase additional rolls of compostable bags from council if you run out.

Rolls of compostable bags are also available at local supermarkets.

The bags in the fresh fruit and vegetable section of Woolworths are also compostable. You can reuse these in your caddy to collect and recycle your food scraps.

## USING YOUR KITCHEN CADDY

It's easy to collect food scraps



Line the caddy with a compostable bag. Bags must be labelled Compostable AS 4736 and/or Home Compostable AS 5810.



You can also line your kitchen caddy with newspaper.



After 2-3 days, or when the caddy is full, place the collected foodscraps in your green FOGO bin.

## TIPS

- A tight-fitting lid on your green organics bin will help keep flies and pests away.
- Place lawn clippings, leaves or shredded paper on food scraps to absorb moisture and reduce odours.
- Freeze scraps like seafood and meat until your collection day.
- All food scraps can be placed loose, or in compostable bags into your green FOGO bin.



## NAPPIES AND OTHER HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEVER GO IN THE GREEN FOGO BIN

### TIPS for disposing of nappies and other hygiene products

Nappies and other hygiene products can't be recycled and must be placed in your landfill bin. The fortnightly collection shouldn't affect bin odour.

A nappy trial undertaken by Lake Macquarie City Council found that:

- the number of nappies in the landfill bin did not have a significant effect on the odour
- the average odour of a landfill bin with nappy waste was similar after a fortnight as it was after a week.

### TIPS if you are worried about the smell

- Dispose of as much solid waste as possible into the toilet, before placing the nappy in the landfill bin.
- Wrap dirty nappies tightly in a nappy bag.
- Store your landfill bin in the shade.
- Keep your bin lid closed tightly.
- Place a small amount of odour control agent in the bottom of your bin to repel flies and odours. Use natural products like vinegar, eucalyptus and mint oils or crystals.
- Try cloth nappies and or reusable hygiene items.



## WHICH BIN? THE GREEN FOGO BIN



Bread pasta  
and rice



Vegetable and  
fruit peelings



Dairy products,  
cheese and yoghurt



Cooked or raw  
food scraps



Tea bags and  
coffee grounds



Meat, seafood  
and bones



Egg shells  
and oyster shells



Pet waste



Flowers, garden  
and lawn  
clippings, leaves  
and weeds



Tissues, paper  
towel and small  
quantities  
shredded paper



Certified  
compostable  
bags and food  
packaging



Compostable  
takeaway  
food containers

## NEVER IN THE GREEN FOGO BIN



**NO** plastic  
bags or  
wrapping



**NO** plastic  
packaged  
food



**NO** clothing  
footwear or  
textiles



**NO** plastic  
containers  
or bottles



**NO** building  
materials



**NO** general  
waste



# QUICK BIN REFERENCE GUIDE

## THE YELLOW RECYCLING BIN



Paper and cardboard



Rigid plastic containers



Juice and milk cartons



Tins and cans



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminium foil and trays



Aerosols (empty)



**NO** polystyrene foam



**NO** clothing, footwear or textiles



**NO** plastic bags or wrapping



**NO** building materials, dirt or rocks



**NO** broken crockery or glassware

## THE RED WASTE BIN



Soft plastics



Polystyrene foam



Clothing, footwear and textiles



Single use nappies



Broken crockery and glassware



Ropes and hoses



**NO** cooking or motor oil



**NO** liquid paint



**NO** tyres



**NO** e-waste or batteries



**NO** building materials, dirt or rocks

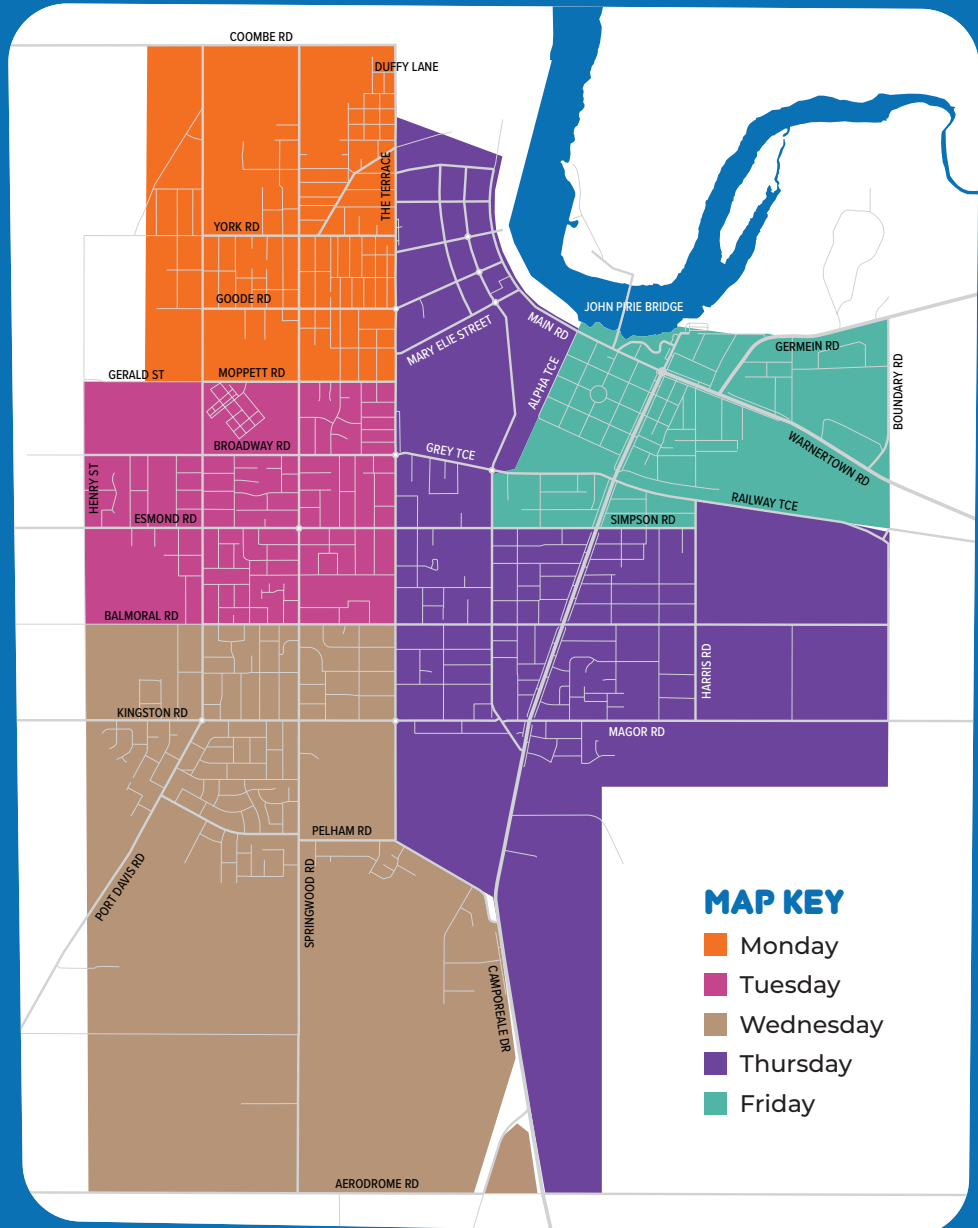


**NO** chemicals or poisons

Using your bins correctly will reduce our impact on the environment.  
For information on items which don't go in any bin visit [WHICHBIN.COM.AU](http://WHICHBIN.COM.AU)

# KERBSIDE COLLECTION MAP

Locate your street on the map to determine your collection day.



# 2024-2025 KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

## MARCH 2024

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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## APRIL 2024

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## MAY 2024

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## JUNE 2024

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## AUGUST 2024

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

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## COLLECTION CYCLE

**GREEN FOGO BIN** Collected weekly

**YELLOW RECYCLING BIN**

Collected fortnightly

**RED WASTE BIN**

Collected fortnightly

## DELAYED COLLECTION DAYS

### GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2024

Collection will occur Sat 30 March 2024

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS 25-27 DEC 2024

Collection will occur the day after the normal collection day.

### GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL 2025

Collection will occur Sat 19 April 2025

## FREE HARD WASTE AND

## GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL DATES

### FREE HARD WASTE DISPOSAL

4 August 2024

5 January 2025

### FREE GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

Non-commercial

25 August 2024

29 September 2024

27 October 2024

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2024

Free non-commercial waste disposal

3 March 2024

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

Free non-commercial waste disposal

2 March 2025

## OTHER GREAT FEATURES OF THE MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

### REPORT IT

Report local maintenance issues which require Council attention such as graffiti, dumped rubbish or damaged roads. Take a photo and submit a report via the app to help us fix problems quicker.

### PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Receive reminders related to bin collections, local Council events and payment due notices.

### EVENTS

Find out about upcoming events in your local area.

### NEAR ME

Discover nearby Council facilities such as parks, playgrounds, libraries, events, waste transfer stations and more. You can filter the map to find exactly what you are looking for, then use your device to guide you there.

## USE THE MY LOCAL SERVICES APP TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR NEW BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- Collection Calendar
- Bin collection reminders
- Waste reduction and recycling tips
- Helpful links and information

Download the free My Local Services app on your phone

