

Terms & Conditions: Additional FOGO Bin Trial for leaves and bark from City trees

1. Purpose

The purpose of this trial is to assist eligible residents in managing increased volumes of leaf and bark waste generated by nearby City-managed trees through the provision of an additional Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility and final selection will be determined by the City based on an assessment of properties significantly impacted by City-managed trees. Factors considered may include:

- Securing a place within the 500 additional FOGO bin allocation
- Tree location
- Trees located on City verges directly adjoining the property
- Trees located in City parks, reserves or public land impacting the property
- Canopy size and coverage of nearby City-managed trees
- Volume of leaf and bark litter generated
- Operational assessments and/or resident reports.

Meeting one or more of these criteria does not guarantee eligibility, as final determination is at the City's discretion and when places have been filled.

3. What the Program Covers

The additional FOGO bin is provided solely for the disposal of:

- Leaf litter
- Bark
- Fruit
- Seeds
- And small organic debris.

4. What the Program Does Not Cover

The program does not apply to:

- Waste generated from privately owned trees
- General household waste or recycling
- Commercial or business-related green waste
- Properties not significantly impacted by City-managed trees
- Requests based solely on personal preference or convenience
- Bulk garden waste resulting from landscaping, pruning, or tree removal activities
- The additional bin must not be used for non-FOGO materials
- Commercial or any non-residential property.

Failure to comply with the T&Cs and incorrect usage will result in removal of the additional bin from the property.

5. Participant Responsibilities

Participants in the trial must:

- Use the additional bin in accordance with FOGO guidelines
- Ensure bins are presented correctly for collection on the same day as their usual FOGO bin collection day
- Avoid contamination of FOGO waste streams

- Maintain the bin in a clean and serviceable condition
- Leave the bin on the verge at the end of the trial period for collection

Failure to comply will result in removal of the additional bin from the property.

6. Monitoring and Review

- The City will monitor participation, contamination levels, and operational impacts throughout the trial
- Feedback may be collected from participants
- The outcomes of the trial will inform any future decisions regarding continuation or expansion of the program.

7. Changes and Withdrawal

The City reserves the right to:

- Modify the trial conditions at any time
- Withdraw a bin from a property due to misuse or ineligibility
- Conclude the trial at the end of the 12-month period without ongoing provision.

8. Further Information

At this stage, the following applies:

- The trial was endorsed at the Council meeting on Tuesday, 17 March 2026
- Further details will be provided if the trial is fully approved and ready to be implemented as a new service.

Residents will be notified of updates as they become available.