

# Food Container Policy

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## Food Containers

Food waste collections will take place on a weekly basis. Most food waste collections will take place from the kerbside. Where access to the kerbside is difficult the Council will supply wheeled food bins, free of charge, to designated bin stores.

Wheeled bins remain the property of the Council, and should never be removed from the bin store, except by the Council or its agent.

### As the Council, we will:

- provide weekly collections for food waste;
- supply all households, free of charge, with a kitchen food caddy. The caddy should be used to store small amounts of food waste indoors and then emptied directly into the 140L wheeled food bins in designated bin stores or into individual household food bins. Kitchen caddies can be lined with ANY BAG which can be decanted into the wheeled food bin or in individual kerbside food bins. Caddies can be rinsed clean and are dishwasher safe. Kitchen caddies must NOT be presented for collection;
- supply 140L wheeled bins, free of charge, to some bin stores where access to kerbside collections for residents is unsuitable. Residents should empty their kitchen caddies into these wheeled bins in their bin store;
- supply households that are not on a bin store collection service with an individual kerbside food bin, free of charge. The food bin is big enough to store about 5 bags of food waste and can be secured against pests by folding the handle forward to lock the lid. Residents should empty the contents of their kitchen caddy into their individual kerbside food bin for presentation at the kerbside on collection day;
- replace, free of charge, 140L wheeled bins, food bins and caddies that have been damaged or lost;
- collect unwanted 140L wheeled bins free of charge upon request.

### As a householder you are responsible for:

- storing your food waste on your property, or in the communal bin store for your property, between food waste collections;
- presenting (unless you use a communal storage area) your kerbside food bin on the kerbside at the front of your address;
- informing the Council that you have changed the collection point on your property if you are registered for assisted waste collections. Failure to do so may result in non-collection of your food waste;
- putting your food waste out for collection no sooner than 6pm on the day before collection, and no later than 6am on the day of collection; and
- returning your kerbside food bin to your property by 8pm on collection days, for storage until the next collection day for food waste.

**As an owner or manager of properties that use bin stores, you are responsible for:**

- ensuring all residents of the building have access to a communal bin to store their food waste between scheduled food waste collections;
- educating all residents about how to use and store their food waste in the communal bin;
- liaising directly with the Council to arrange for 140L wheeled bins to be set up in your bin store;
- ensuring you manage and maintain the cleanliness of your bin storage areas, and take reasonable measures to prevent fly tipping in and around your bin storage areas;
- reporting damaged bins to the Council; and
- Arranging for the return of unused food 140L wheeled bins to the Council