

Frequently Asked Questions – Fortnightly Landfill Collection (Red Bin)

1) Why are we going to fortnightly collections?

Fortnightly landfill collections will encourage residents to place all food waste in the FOGO bin. In order to meet recycling mandates set by the State Government, Council introduced the fortnightly glass only bin collection, due to start in April 2021. Instead of increasing rates to residents, in order to pay for this service, a fortnightly landfill collection will be introduced.

2) What if I run out of space in my red bin between collections?

It can happen, but with such a successful uptake of the FOGO and comingled recycling services by Warrnambool residents, the amount of waste heading to landfill has significantly reduced. In its first year, 800 tonnes of green waste have already been diverted from landfill. Great job everyone!

If your household has special circumstances, please contact the waste management team to be considered for alternative service options.

3) Won't it smell?

No question, bins are smelly things. But, by diverting your food waste and bagging landfill items correctly, odour can be kept to a minimum. Hosing out bins regularly, keeping bin lids closed and bins in the shade can also help to reduce smell.

4) What about nappies?

Good question. A trial study by Lake Macquarie City Council, (*Community Nappy Trial Report 2014*), addressed concerns around increased odour and limited space in a fortnightly landfill collection. The study found that when households disposed of recycling and FOGO waste in the right bins, wrapped soiled nappies in plastic bags or newspaper, and stored the bin in the shade, space and odour issues were avoided. The study found that the smell of the nappies in the bin was no worse at the end of 2 weeks than at the end of 1 week.

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5) How do I remember which bin goes out on which night?

Visit, <https://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/collection-schedules> and type your address in the box.

Hardcopies of the collection calendar are available by contacting City Assist 5559 4800.

Remember Landfill (red) and FOGO (green) bins go out together on the same week.