

# ORGANIC MATERIALS

Organic materials include **food scraps** like vegetables, fruit, bread, cereals, eggshells, grains, meat, and dairy products. It can also include **garden and lawn clippings**.

Organics should **never be put in your recycling bin at home**.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Composting food scraps at home can reduce what we put in our garbage bin by about 42%



## FIND OUT MORE

Learn more about food waste at [Recycling Near You](#)

## COMPOSTING

When organic waste like food goes to landfill, it decomposes and creates methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>!

### Composting can:

- Reduce the amount of water required
- Reduce the amount of synthetic fertilisers needed
- Improve the structure, fertility and health of soils
- Help regenerate soils suffering from poor management



Learn more about composting at school!

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Some councils have **Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin**, you can put most food scraps in that bin including meat and dairy.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO FOGO?

The compost produced from FOGO material can be sold to farmers and industry, used in parks and gardens or for rehabilitating land.



Watch the FOGO video

## DID YOU KNOW?

On the average Australian household, one in five shopping bags of food ends up in the bin, costing each household between **\$2,000 - \$2,500 per year!**



Some councils offer Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) services through regular kerbside collection. Check directly with your council to see if they have any restrictions.

## FIND OUT MORE

Learn more about council FOGO at [Recycling Near You](#)



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