

FOOD SCRAPS IN THE GREEN BIN

Food scraps can be placed bagged or loose, directly into your green bin.

Layer food scraps with grass clippings, leaves or shredded newspaper to absorb moisture and smells.

Store seafood, meat scraps and dairy in the freezer until the night before your collection to avoid unpleasant smells.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Every fortnight East Waste collects bins full of food and garden organics materials.

Your food and garden organics material is taken to a composting facility and placed into large piles.

Over 8-10 weeks with the help of microbes, the right temperature and air flow, materials break down.

Once broken down, the material needs to be screened to remove contaminants such as plastic bags, irrigation pipe, glass and metal objects that have been incorrectly placed in a green bin. This is a difficult and expensive process.

Finally the material is made into compost, used on South Australian farms, vineyards, glass houses and household gardens.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

To enquire about the kitchen caddy rollout program, refer to yoursay.unley.sa.gov.au/kitchen-caddy or phone the City of Unley Customer Service team on 8372 5111.

For a quick and easy way to check what goes in which bin, visit whichbin.sa.gov.au

FOOD SCRAPS IN THE GREEN BIN USING THE KITCHEN CADDY

Almost 40% of all material in home waste bins is food scraps which release harmful greenhouse gases in landfill.

By using a kitchen caddy system you can easily divert food scraps and other compostable items from landfill and save space in your weekly blue bin.



Compostable
bags only

KITCHEN CADDIES AND COMPOSTABLE BIN LINERS

Your roll of 150 liners is calculated to provide you 2 to 3 liners per week, for 12 months. Following the 12-month period, Council aims to supply residents with replacement rolls of 75 liners. But if you need more, bags will be available at low cost from the Unley Civic Centre, community centres or libraries.

As part of the State's policy toward banning single-use plastic products, our major supermarkets may soon provide compostable food produce bags. We encourage you to access and reuse these bags for lining your caddy.

Alternatively, some people choose to line their caddy with newspaper or paper towel. When full, scrunch up and place both the scraps and paper inside your green bin.



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



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 bin.

ODOURS AND PESTS

- 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 reduce odours.
- Freeze scraps like seafood and meat until your collection day.
- Change your compostable bags every 2-3 days and regularly clean your kitchen caddy.

CATCH 'EM IN A CADDY... FEED 'EM TO THE GREEN BIN

These items go in the green organics bin



FRUIT & VEGETABLE PEELINGS



TEA BAGS



COFFEE GROUNDS



**DAIRY PRODUCTS
CHEESE & YOGHURT**



EGGS & OYSTER SHELLS



FOODSCRAPS
Cooked and raw



MEAT, SEAFOOD & BONES
Cooked and raw



HAIR & FINGERNAIL CLIPPINGS



CUT FLOWERS



SHREDDED PAPER
Small quantities



PAPER TOWELS



TISSUES



CAKE & BREAD



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