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recycle right newsletter

A publication helping Western Australians to reduce their household waste, recycle right and live more sustainably.



FOGO COMPOST GIVEAWAY



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Your FOGO bin contents have gone full circle and have been converted into high quality compost!

Come and grab
your **FREE bag*** at
one of the following
community events:

Sunday 10 April

– Fremantle Farmer's
Market, Beaconsfield

Saturday 30 April

– APACE Open Day, 1
Johannah Street,
North Fremantle

Sunday 29 May

– Perth Maker's Market,
Applecross

**Look for the Recycle
Right stand.**

* Complete a short survey
to get your free bag



FOGO WASTE COMES FULL CIRCLE TO MAKE COMPOST

Compost made from the contents of FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) kerbside bins is now available for local residents to use. Bags of FOGO-derived compost will be up for grabs* for free at a number of community events over April and May.

- **Sunday 10 April** – Freo Farmer's Market, Beaconsfield (8-12 noon)
- **Saturday 30 April** – APACE Open Day, 1 Johannah Street, North Fremantle (9-1pm)
- **Sunday 29 May** – Perth Maker's Market, Heathcote Reserve, Applecross (9.30am-3.30pm)

(*Residents will be asked to complete a short survey to receive a bag. The number of bags are limited and may run out before the end of the event. Limit of one bag per household.)

Your FOGO bin contents have been converted into high-quality compost!



Kitchen and garden waste collected

The 3-bin FOGO system was introduced to residents in the City of Melville, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle in 2019.

Households collect their food waste in a kitchen caddy. The caddy can be lined with a green compostable liner that is provided by each council. That, together with garden waste (leaves, twigs, grass clippings etc) and items such as tissues and food-soiled cardboard is then placed in 240L lime-green lidded FOGO bin.

The raw FOGO material is collected weekly from residents and transported to the FOGO Processing Facility (FPF) at the Resource Recovery Group's Canning Vale Centre for pre-processing. Here, it is sent through a slow-speed shredder to gently break open caddy liners, and then screened depending on size. Visible contamination is physically removed by pickers and a slow-speed trommel.

Processing of FOGO

Once FOGO material is pre-processed, it is sent to external FOGO composting partners, Purearth and GO Organics where it is composted over the next two months via windrows. It is then combined with other beneficial organic inputs to make various products such as compost, mulch or soil improver. These products are now available to purchase in bulk or in bags.

The 3-bin FOGO system provides residents with more options for separating their waste with the aim to improve recovery rates, increase diversion from landfill and reduce costs of processing material. Diverting organic waste also reduces the amount of harmful greenhouse gas (methane) that would usually be produced by organic waste breaking down in landfill.

You can view a video of the FOGO process on YouTube: bit.ly/3x9FjZN

BIN TAGGING PIN-POINTS COMMON CONTAMINANTS



Our 2022 bin tagging is currently underway, so now is a good time to reflect on our waste disposal habits.

Data from previous years bin tagging shows that soft plastics are a common contaminant found in yellow-lidded recycling bins. If it can be scrunched into a ball, then it is too soft for kerbside recycling!

While soft plastics don't belong in your yellow-lidded recycling bin, they can still be collected and recycled through the REDcycle bins at your local Coles or Woolworths.

Our bin tagging program helps to reduce the amount of contaminants being sent to our waste recovery centres and ultimately reduces the amount of waste being sent to landfills.

If you are unsure about how to dispose of certain items check out our A-Z guide at bit.ly/3DT5mFV

WA SINGLE USE PLASTICS BAN



Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation



To reduce plastic pollution, the WA Government is implementing a ban on certain plastic items, enforceable from 1 July 2022. It will be illegal to supply:

- Any plastic shopping bag (with handles)
- Disposable plastic straws and stirrers
- Disposable plastic cutlery
- Disposable plastic plates
- Disposable plastic bowls (without lids)
- Disposable plastic food containers (without lids)
- Expanded polystyrene food containers and trays
- (from 1 October 2022) Disposable plastic cups for cold drinks

Release of balloons will also be banned.

For more information, visit plasticbanwa.com.au

There are FREE monthly pop-in information sessions via Zoom on the last Wednesday of each month (Feb-July 2022). Register here: bit.ly/38pFJAK



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RECYCLE RIGHT THIS EASTER



This Easter, remember to collect Easter egg foil wrappers into a ball of at least 5cm in diameter (or about the size of a tennis ball) before popping it in your recycling bin. This way we can make sure the foil is correctly sorted by the machines that help to process our recycling, as small pieces might not be picked up!

Did you know cardboard and hard plastic Easter egg packaging can be placed in your yellow-lidded Recycling bin? Remember to:

- Flatten cartons and boxes to create space in the bin
- Try to remove sticky tape where possible
- Avoid boxes covered in glitter or textiles, as these cannot be recycled
- Take soft plastics (such as hot cross bun bags) to REDcycle. For a comprehensive list of what you can take to REDcycle head to redcycle.net.au/

SHORTLISTED FOR WASTE AWARDS

Resource Recovery Group and the Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) have jointly created a set of GREAT waste education games and School Waste Education Day. The games are based on the WasteSorted “Be a G.R.E.A.T. Sort” campaign and can be standalone, or used in a school incursion program where up to 400 students rotate through game activity stations in just one day. Each year group’s session commences and concludes as a whole group to consolidate student learning and key takeaways. The activity stations consist of:

1. The GREAT Gifting Game
2. The Responsible Recycler Game
3. The Excellent Earthcycler Puzzle
4. The Awesome Avoiders Game
5. The Terrific Taker Relay points.
6. Landfill is the Last Resort Activity
7. Containers for Change Game



The consortium submitted an application for the 2022 WasteSorted Awards and are excited to find out that it has been shortlisted in two categories: Category 1 – 2022 Community Waste Award and Category 6 – 2022 Local Government Award.

A list of finalists can be found at bit.ly/3v5YOjo.

Winners will be announced at the Awards dinner on 19 May 2022 at the Ritz-Carlton Perth.



MODERN CLOTH NAPPY WORKSHOPS



Are you looking to make the switch to cloth nappies? Join Kam Andrews “The Nappy Guru” for a series of online workshops to learn about using and maintaining cloth nappies. Kam will demonstrate different cloth nappies available and explain the benefits of each. For dates visit: bit.ly/3jkvCQ5



WHICH BIN? RATS AND MASKS

- 🧐 Correct COVID Waste Disposal
- 🧐 Disposable masks and RAT kits are not recyclable and should always be placed in your general waste bin.
- 🧐 Remember to cut the strings on the masks first to protect our local wildlife!
- ✂️ COVID waste = general waste bin

Dispose of masks and rapid antigen test kits in the General Waste Bin

(Please cut mask loops)



JOIN AN ONLINE TOUR OF THE RESOURCE RECOVERY GROUP – CANNING VALE

Would like to see what happens to your recycling bin once it leaves the kerb? Why not tune in and join a tour of our facility online? Due to COVID, our in-person tours are currently on hold, but that doesn't mean you need to miss out. Join Jared to learn a little more about an everyday activity over a 1-hour online session. During the free online tour you will:



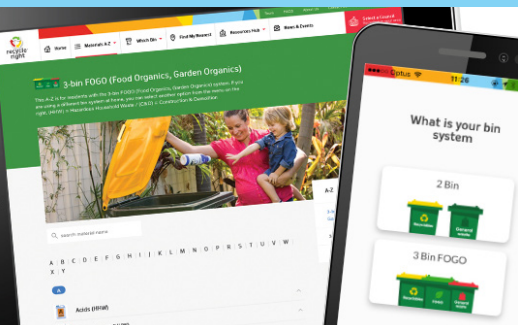
- Hear a short presentation about the Resource Recovery Group
- View the Materials Recovery Facility, where recyclables are separated, baled and sold for reuse
- See the Green Waste Facility, where garden waste is turned into mulch
- Learn about our very own Community Garden
- Look at the biofilters outside the FOGO Processing Facility, and view a video of the complete FOGO process

We will then return to the Education Centre for questions. **UPCOMING TOUR DATES : bit.ly/37uBtzm**



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU TO 'RECYCLE RIGHT'

Our Recycle Right website and App continues to help you—the people of WA—to Recycle Right. Information on both the app and website is tailored to the full assortment of bin systems found in the Perth metropolitan area: 3-bin FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics), 3-bin GO (Garden Organics) and 2-bin. Visit **recycleright.wa.gov.au/** to find out what goes in which bin, access an ever-growing A-Z list of items and what to do with them, Find My Nearest database of drop-off locations and Bin Day Reminders to alert you on your bin days.

The website also provides a Resources Hub of educational worksheets, how-to guides, fact sheets and templates.

JOIN THE RECYCLE RIGHT RANGERS!



The Recycle Right Rangers is a volunteer group under the umbrella of the Resource Recovery Group's 'Recycle Right' Education Program working to encourage and assist residents and businesses in Western Australia to recycle, reduce their waste and live more sustainably.

Members of the Recycle Right Rangers volunteer at community events, tours, school incursions and educational workshops all over Perth. You'll get the opportunity to join exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of waste and recycling facilities, provide feedback on the Recycle Right waste education material, attend quarterly workshops, gain a 'Working with Children Check' card, and receive valuable experience working with the community and school children on waste education.

Come and join likeminded individuals who are passionate about creating positive, sustainable change in their community!

If you are interested in becoming a Recycle Right Ranger, contact Jared Crowe on **9329 2700** or via email: **jcrowe@resourcerecoverygroup.com.au**

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