

## Frequently asked questions

### What if I don't produce any garden waste?

The Organics bin is for a combination of garden, food and other organic kitchen waste like paper towel and tissues. You can use the bin for just food and organic kitchen waste if you do not have garden waste.

### What if I already compost my organics at home?

Thank you for composting at home, keep up the good work. Consider the Organics bin as an extension of the good work you are already doing and a means to take the pressure off your home compost or worm farm. The Organics bin can take the hard to compost items and things the worms don't like to eat like citrus, meat bones and seafood shells.

### What are the Caddy liners made of?

Cornstarch and vegetable oils. The liners are designed to break down as a part of the commercial composting process. At home you should store your liners in a cool and dark place to prevent break down.

### How strong are the Caddy liners?

The liners are quite strong but splitting may occur. To prevent this make sure food is cool before placing in bag and drain wet food where possible.

### Can I use other bags to line my kitchen caddy?

No. Only the Council issued Caddy liners are able to be used in the Kitchen Caddy and Organics bin. Any other bags or compostable liners are classed as contamination and won't be accepted for composting.

### Do I need to bag my green waste?

No. Lawn clippings, prunings, weeds etc can be placed directly into the Organics bin.



You can be part of the solution!

For more information contact Council on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/waste](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/waste).

Replacement kitchen caddy liners can be collected from any of Council's Customer Service Centres, Visitor Information Centres and Transfer Stations.



# 3 Bass Coast Shire Council's Bin Collection Service

commencing  
4 September 2017



New

## What's happening?

Bass Coast Shire Council is introducing a 3-bin kerbside collection service in September 2017. The service will include a weekly Organics collection service for all of your food and garden organic waste.

## What's changing?

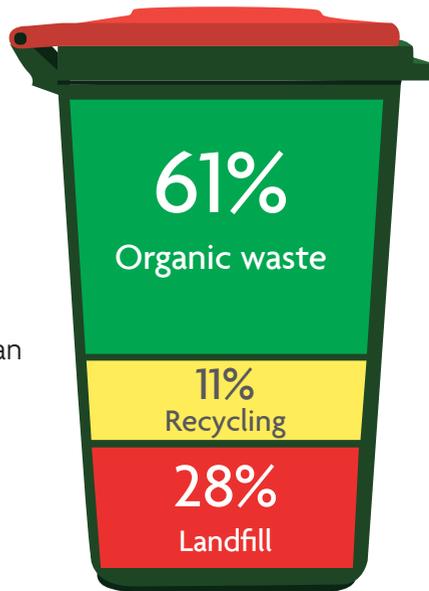
From September you will have a weekly Organics service (green lid), a fortnightly Recycling service (yellow lid) and a fortnightly Landfill service (red lid). Your collection day and recycling week will not change.

## Why is Council introducing an Organics service?

Our landfill at Grantville is filling up quickly, this is bad for the environment and is also very expensive – we pay per tonne for the waste we produce. At the moment, on average 61 per cent of the waste we send to landfill is made up of garden and food waste that could be recycled and turned into compost. By diverting our organic waste from landfill, we are saving money, protecting the environment, and producing a valuable resource.

### The average Landfill bin in Bass Coast contains:

- 61% organic waste that can go in the new Organics bin
- 11% recycling that can go in the Recycling bin
- Only 28% is waste that needs to go to landfill



## Your weekly organics service

To help you get started with your Organics bin you will be supplied with:

- 240L Green lid Organics bin
- A Kitchen Caddy
- A 12 month supply of compostable Kitchen Caddy liners
- An education pack including a guide to using the new service and a 2017-2018 collection calendar

Use your Kitchen Caddy to separate and sort food organics inside your home before putting them in your Organics bin.



A new set of bins including the green Organics bin (240L) will be delivered to serviced properties from July to August 2017. When you receive your three new bins please wheel them onto your property and securely store them as they are registered to your property number. Remove your Kitchen Caddy from the green lid bin and take it inside. Your new bins will have stickers to let you know when you can start using them. Keep an eye out in the media for dates the old bins need to be put out for removal. Your old bins will be sent away for recycling.

The 3-bin kerbside collection service will commence from **Monday, 4 September 2017** on your normal collection day.

## What can go into your Organics bin?



- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat scraps and bones
- Fish and seafood
- Dairy products
- Bread and bakery products
- Rice and pasta
- Tea and coffee grounds
- Tissues and paper towels
- Pet manure (dog poo) and compostable kitty litter
- Lawn clippings
- Garden prunings (including weeds)
- Twigs and branches under 100mm in diameter

Your organic waste will be taken to Dutson Downs Soil and Organic Recycling Facility and processed into certified organic compost.