

Don't waste your food scraps turn them into compost



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You can use your Kitchen Caddy unlined or line it with paper towelling or newspaper.



You have the option to use the special compostable corn starch bags. Residents are entitled to one roll of bags with their Kitchen Caddy.

What can I put in the Kitchen Caddy?



- ✓ Food scraps, peels
- ✓ Cake, bread crusts
- ✓ Fruit, vegetables
- ✓ Teabags, coffee grounds



- ✓ Meat scraps, bones, seafood (cooked, raw)
- ✓ Egg, oyster shells
- ✓ Cheese, yoghurt
- ✓ Pasta, grains



- ✓ Takeaway foods
- ✓ Shredded paper
- ✓ Tissues, paper towels
- ✓ Hair
- ✓ Cooked foods

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Place all your food scraps into the Kitchen Caddy. Change the bag 2-3 times per week, even if it is not full.



Place your food scraps in your green organics bin. You can put them loose, wrapped in paper or in the corn starch bag. Put your green organics bin out for its normal collection, even if it is not full.

What can't I put in the Kitchen Caddy?



If you are lining your Kitchen Caddy with bags, only use the special compostable corn starch bags. Never use a plastic bag, even if labelled 'biodegradable' as these do not break down into compost.

- ✗ Plastic bags/oven bags
 - ✗ Cling wrap
 - ✗ Dishcloths/sponges
 - ✗ Cigarette butts or ash
 - ✗ Vacuum dust
- These items will not break down in compost.

If you place these items in your green organics bin, we may stop collecting it.

Tips

- Let hot food cool down before placing into your Kitchen Caddy.
- Freeze meat and seafood until your bin collection day (to avoid odours).
- You can buy compostable bags from the council office on Sturt Road or any Marion Library Branch.

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Why recycle my food scraps?

Food waste is a valuable resource that we can recycle. By putting food scraps into your green bin, they can be turned into compost for gardens instead of being wasted. Composting food scraps reduces greenhouse gas emissions and lowers the cost of waste disposal to the community.

How can I prevent odours in my green organics bin?

Covering the wrapped or bagged food waste with shredded paper or garden waste such as weeds will deter flies and reduce any odour. Freezing food with strong odours (such as meat scraps) until bin collection day is also helpful, as well as keeping your bin in a cool, shady place.

Can I use other plastic bags to line my Kitchen Caddy?

Definitely not. Plastic bags should never be placed in the organics bin under any circumstances, even if labelled degradable or biodegradable. Plastic bags do not decompose and cause major problems at the composting facilities.

What are the green compostable bags made of?

The bags are made of bioplastic, which is extracted from corn starch and other organic plant-based ingredients.

I don't have a green organics bin. What do I do?

Please call the City of Marion on 8375 6600.

What if I already compost at home?

Keep up the good work! You may like to use a Kitchen Caddy for food scraps you don't put in your home compost such as meat and dairy products.

Can I put compostable bags into my home compost?

No. It is not recommended to place compostable bags into a home compost as they may not break down at the same rate as the food inside them. The bags are designed to break down in a large-scale commercial composting system.



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