

# Food and Garden Organics (FOGO)

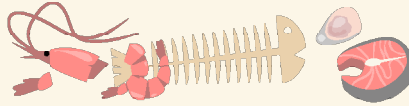
## Green Lidded Bin – Collected Weekly

Your FOGO contents are converted into compost at a regional facility, saving money and the environment. Let's keep it coming round!

### What is accepted in the green lidded FOGO bin?



- Grains and pasta
- Meat and bones
- Dairy products
- Plate scraps
- Coffee and tea



- Fish and shell fish
- Garden vegetation
- Eggs and shells
- Pet poo (no kitty litter)
- Fruit and vegetable scraps



- Soiled paper & cardboard products
- Council approved compostable liners

### What is not accepted in the green lidded FOGO bin?



- Plastic bags
- Ceramics or glass
- Clothing or textiles



- Treated timber
- Recyclables
- General waste



- Bulk sand
- Rocks
- Non Council approved liners e.g. biodegradable

### What is contamination in the green lidded FOGO bin?

Any general waste, recyclables (including soft plastics) or hazardous waste, these are incorrect items and do not belong in the green bin. Contamination (putting items in the wrong bin) spoils the recovery of resources, is costly to Council and the community plus poses potential hazards.



#### More information?

[www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling/kerbside-bin-collection/](http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/services/waste-and-recycling/kerbside-bin-collection/)

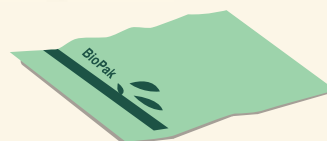
### Council Approved Caddy Liners



#### Cardia

Australian certified compostable liners/bags. AS 4736 labelled with seedling logo, made out of corn.

[www.cardiabioproducts.com](http://www.cardiabioproducts.com)



#### BioPak

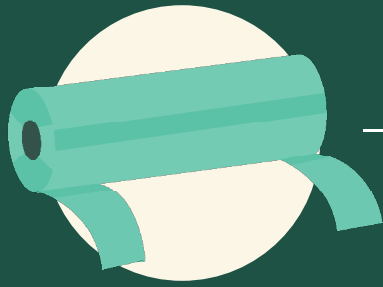
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[www.biopak.com.au](http://www.biopak.com.au)

# Guide to Kitchen Caddy Liners



## How To Use Your Kitchen Caddy



Line your caddy with a Council approved compostable liner (100% corn starch), newspaper or choose not to use a liner at all.



Use your kitchen caddy to collect food scraps, leftovers, plate scrapings and spoiled food.



Once your caddy is full, put the liner into your FOGO bin for weekly kerbside collection.

## The difference between degradable, biodegradable and compostable liners

**Degradable – Red lidded bin only** is a natural and man-made product that can be broken down by natural processes into smaller parts. It must be exposed to sunlight or heat for extended periods of time to decompose.

**Biodegradable – Red lidded bin only** refers to a product breaking down into natural elements by organisms. These products can be made from a variety of materials: plastic, recycled plastic and plant, sometimes with an additive. There is no time frame and it could take hundreds of thousands of years for it to degrade as there is no standard.

**Australian Standard Certified Compostable (AS 4736) – Green lidded bin only** is a product that will break down into natural elements under a compost setting, made from plants and other organic materials. They break down much faster, many in roughly 90 days, and they also break down into nutrient-rich products, returning back into the environment. They must meet specific criteria in terms of time, environmental conditions and quality of compost produced.

Remember you don't have to use compostable liners in your kitchen caddy, you can simply wrap it in newspaper or no need to line at all, just place it straight into your green lidded bin.



A certified compostable liner?  
**YES**



Newspaper?  
**YES**



Nothing?  
**YES**



Simply pop it straight into your green bin?  
**YES**



Wrap in newspaper?  
**YES**



Plastic, degradable & biodegradable bags?  
**NO**