

Fogo for business



proud to be
Fogo
friendly

Diverting valuable resources away from landfill, and reusing them, benefits us all

FOGO saves you money – sending waste to landfill is expensive, and having a FOGO bin saves you money

Our community loves FOGO – customers are asking businesses to be more environmentally aware and they support businesses that make an effort

FOGO boosts staff morale - people love to be involved in a positive movement, helping you attract and retain motivated and skilled staff

FOGO is quick and easy – getting a FOGO bin is simple

How to apply

Ready for your business to GO FOGO?

Phone 02 6499 2222

Email council@begavalley.nsw.gov.au



What next?

You can also request support from our Waste Team, alter the size and number of your bins & order FOGO-friendly resources such as stickers, signs and posters.



Share the FOGO love

Once you get your FOGO bin, tag [begavalleywasteandrecycling](#) on Facebook and use [#BegaValleyBusinessBrag](#) so we can give you a shout out - we love to brag about our locals who are part of the waste solution!

FOGO is not just for food-based businesses. All businesses can utilise a FOGO bin.



In 2018-19, 32% of the total waste sent to landfill in the Bega Valley came from commercial and industrial collections. Of that, more than half was organic, mostly food. This represents around 3350 tonnes of an amazing resource that can be turned into compost instead of going to landfill. FOGO is not just for food-based businesses or those with lots of garden waste. Most businesses that generate compostable waste can utilise a FOGO bin.

How much does FOGO cost?

It is significantly cheaper compared to the cost of the landfill (red bin) commercial collection.

- If you own your business premises, annual FOGO charges are applied to your property rates notice.
- Commercial tenants who cannot obtain landlord approval for additional bin charges can apply for a weekly “per collection charge” to be billed directly each month (minimum contract terms apply).

Fees and Charges and Terms and Conditions are on Council's website.

Can I have more than one FOGO bin?

Yes! You can have multiple. FOGO bins are also available in different sizes depending on your needs. You can also vary the number of landfill (red) bins or recycling (yellow) bins as your needs may change once you start using FOGO.

Can I have my FOGO bin picked up more frequently?

The standard FOGO for Business collections are weekly, although Council is working on a flexible service with the option for more frequent collections. Please let us know your preference so we can build that into future planning.

Are larger sized caddies and liners available?

Yes! You can also repurpose tubs or buckets as caddies. There is no need to use a liner if the caddy is emptied frequently and cleaned between use.

“We can't speak highly enough of it. The financial side of it alone is tremendous, but we are also happy that we are not sending our meat scraps to landfill. It's better for the business all round.”

Josh & Emma Orr,
Mimosa Meats Tathra.



When do I put my FOGO for Business bin out?

Put your FOGO bin out weekly on the same day as your normal kerbside service. As mentioned above, please let us know if you need more frequent collections.

I have limited space at my business to store bins – how can I make room?

The amount of waste is not increasing because of FOGO, it's just being sorted into different bins.

You can:

- Reduce your number of landfill (red) and recycling (yellow) bins
- Consolidate two small recycling bins into one larger recycling bin

I'm not able to clean my FOGO bin - how do I stop it from smelling?

- Put items that may smell into compostable liners prior to placing in your bin.
- Newspaper or shredded paper in the bottom of the bin can help soak up any liquid.
- Freeze or refrigerate problem waste until collection day.
- Keep your bin in a shaded place if possible.
- Certified compostable bin liners are also available to purchase.
- Use a bin odour control pad (available to buy commercially or from most supermarkets).

Where do I find compostable products?

Companies such as BioPak, Vegware, Compost-A-Pak and Green Mark supply products to Commercially Compostable Australia Standard AS4736 and Home Composting Australian Standard AS 5810-2010 certifications.

Options are available locally at several packaging and hospitality supply retailers or online.

Look for products with these symbols, or certified to these standards.



Home Compostable
AS5810
ABAP20007



Compostable
AS4736
ABAX 9990

I am worried about attracting pests – how do I stop this?

- Do not overfill bins and keep the lid closed.
- Put full caddy liners straight into your FOGO bin, don't store them next to the bin.
- Keep food waste that may cause smells in the fridge or freezer until collection day.
- Securely tie caddy liners before dropping them in the FOGO bin to stop insects and flies getting in.
- Commercially available fly deterrents can help to reduce flies near your bins.





Choose the right bin



YES



All food scraps (cooked or raw) inc veggies, meat, oyster shells, bones, coffee grinds, tea bags



Garden waste



Food-soiled paper products inc paper towel, serviettes, shredded paper, pizza boxes



Hair (pet and human), droppings, paper-based kitty litter



Certified compostable (not biodegradable) products

Look for these logos >>



Home Compostable
AS5510
ABAP20007



Compostable
AS4786
ABAX 9990



NO



Plastic bags, cling wrap, plant pots or trays, or any other hard or soft plastic



Glass bottles or jars



Treated wood, building rubble such as concrete and bricks



All metal inc tins, cans



Food packaging (except certified compostable packaging)



Nappies, medical waste or anything unsafe