

Protect kerbside bins from cockatoos



Wild Sulphur-crested cockatoos are opening kerbside bin lids to forage for food, sometimes spilling rubbish onto the street.

During your stay, follow these tips to prevent cockatoos from accessing bins at your holiday rental:

1. **Do NOT overfill the bins.** Over full or open bins are easy targets for cockatoos.
2. If the bin is fitted with a locking mechanism, ensure the lid is closed and the lock is engaged.
3. Use the green-lidded FOGO* bin for ALL your household food waste.

The FOGO bin is collected weekly, and the food and garden waste is composted and used to improve soils on farms, parks and gardens.

4. Reduce cockatoo access to bins by putting them out on the right day.

Bins should be placed on the kerbside the night before the collection, or by 5am on the morning of collection day. Empty bins must be returned to the property within 48 hours after the collection.



Download the Surf Coast Rubbish & Recycling App (SCRRAp) to check what day the bins are emptied.



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Do NOT feed the cockatoos

- Feeding allows for the easy spread of disease from bird to bird, and also from birds to humans.
- Cockatoos that are expecting people to feed them can become aggressive and pester people.
- Wild bird seed mix encourages cockatoos, king parrots, and other wildlife to become dependent on people to survive. Wildlife need to teach their young how to forage for berries, seeds, nuts and roots.



Feeding cockatoos can make them sick and spread disease.

*Food Organics & Garden Organics