Anglesea Food Organics Collection Pilot
Quick reference guide

We are running a pilot in Anglesea where household food waste goes into the kerbside organics (green waste) bin along with garden clippings – not in the landfill (general waste) bin.

The organic materials will be saved from landfill and turned into compost and mulch which will be used on farms, parks and gardens.

MORE INFORMATION
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## What Can Go In My Organics Bin?

These food, garden and other organic materials are accepted:

- Baked goods
- Bamboo skewers/chopsticks
- Bones
- Branches
- Breads
- Cakes and pastries
- Cereal slops
- Cereals and grains
- Cheese
- Christmas trees (live)
- Citrus
- Coffee grounds and filter paper (no coffee pods)
- Cooking oil and fats (absorbed in paper towel or newspaper)
- Dairy products
- Egg shells
- Feathers
- Fish and chip paper
- Flowers
- Food scraps
- Fruits
- Garden clippings
- Grains
- Grass clippings
- Hair: human and pet
- Icy pole sticks (wooden)
- Jelly
- Leaves
- Leftover food
- Meat (raw, cooked)
- Meat scraps
- Newspaper
- Nuts & seeds
- Out of date food (no packaging)
- Paper bags
- Paper napkins
- Paper plates (uncoated)
- Paper towel
- Paper towel rolls
- Pasta
- Pet poo
- Pizza boxes
- Poultry
- Printed serviettes
- Prunings and cuttings
- Rice
- Salad and dressing
- Seafood (including bones and shells)
- Shredded paper
- Small branches
- Soiled cardboard/paper
- Sticks
- Straw and hay
- Take-away foods
- Tea bags/leaves
- Thorny branches
- Tissues
- Toilet rolls
- Vegetables
- Weeds
- Wet paper/cardboard
- Wooden toothpicks
- Wooden cutlery

**DO NOT include in your organics bin:**

- Packaging • Wet wipes • Clingwrap, plastic packaging or foil of any kind • Plastic bags (even if biodegradable) • Kitchen sponges or cloths • Nappies or sanitary items • Plant pots • Dirt, soil or sand • Stones, rocks, bricks or rubble • Large logs or stumps • Branches too big to fit in the bin • Painted or treated timber • Garden tools or hose • Household garbage • Cigarette butts • Liquids • Items that can be recycled • Hazardous or medical waste such as sharps or sharps containers.

## NO PLASTIC. EVER.

Plastic contaminates the organics collection and can make the compost and mulch unusable.

Plastic bags, even those labelled biodegradable, oxo-degradable or degradable, must never be put in the kerbside organics bin.

This also applies to plastic food packaging, containers, bread ties, sandwich bags and dog poo bags.

## Council-Supplied Liners Aren’t Plastic.

Each roll of 150 liners should last your household 6-12 months, but if you need more, you can collect them from:

- Council offices in Torquay – open Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm
- Anglesea Transfer Station – open 9am to 4pm daily

Check the council website for public holiday opening hours.

Other liner brands and local suppliers are currently being researched. Any additional options will be listed on the website, or you can call Customer Service on 5261 0600 to check for updates.

## What If I Use My Food Scraps to Compost or Feed My Pets?

Keep up the good work! If there are some organics that you can’t manage at home, you’ll probably find they can be added to your kerbside organics bin.