



## Introducing the Anglesea Food Organics Collection Pilot



Surf Coast Shire Council is excited to be bringing a new food organics collection service to Anglesea. This means any food scraps you'd normally put into your landfill (general waste) bin, will go into the organics (green waste) bin. This will be a huge boost for the environment.

### Why the new service? And why Anglesea?

On average in our shire, 40% of what's going into household landfill bins is organic. We are always looking for ways to reduce waste and protect the environment; the less waste we bury at the Anglesea landfill, the better the environmental outcome.

Being able to collect food scraps with garden waste also means it can be turned into a resource – compost – that will be put to good use in parks, gardens and farms. More councils across the country are choosing to manage their waste in this way.

There are a number of reasons we are starting this service in Anglesea. For example, we need to understand how this service best works in an area with seasonal fluctuations in population. We also know how much the Anglesea community embraces environmental responsibility.

### How your kerbside collection schedule will change

When the new service starts in December, there will be a change to the frequency of your kerbside bin collections. Bins will still be collected on Wednesdays, however, your organics bin (which will now include food scraps along with garden clippings) will be collected **weekly**. Your landfill (general waste) bin will be collected **fortnightly**, alternating with your recycling collection.

Anglesea's first organics collection to include food scraps that you'd normally put in your landfill bin will be on **12 December 2018**.

### Getting ready for the new service

From mid November to early December we will be delivering a kitchen caddy, roll of compostable liners and new waste collection calendar to every house in Anglesea. If you prefer we don't leave a caddy on your doorstep during this timeframe, give us a call and we'll provide an alternative.

The kitchen caddies – used for collecting food scraps in your home – will stay with the property in the same way your kerbside bins do.

### We want to hear from you

We'd love you to complete the survey included with this letter. The easiest way is to do it online at [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AngleseaOrganics](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AngleseaOrganics). Or you can fill out the paper version and return it with the reply paid envelope provided. We'll also ask for your feedback through similar surveys twice during the next six months to make sure we know what's working and what could be improved.

### More information

You'll have a chance to speak with our officers in person at events in Anglesea as the service starts to roll out. For more information on the new service and these events, please see the FAQs included with this letter, visit [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AngleseaOrganics](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AngleseaOrganics), or phone us on **5261 0600**.



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Your new collection calendar will include more information about using the organics collection service.

### WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

**Website:** A dedicated page with information about the Anglesea pilot can be accessed at [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AngleseaOrganics](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/AngleseaOrganics)

**Phone:** 5261 0600

**In person:** Council officers will be available at a number of events in Anglesea during November and December to answer any questions you may have. Look out for details coming soon.