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# green bin for food and garden organics

The 240-litre green-lidded food and garden organics bin is available to residents and premises in urban areas of Kempsey Shire. It is collected weekly. The green bin is for all food and garden waste, even things you can't compost at home. By putting all food and garden waste into the green bin, you can reduce your impact on the environment and help to keep waste service costs down.

#### Helpful Hints

- use your kitchen caddy and compostable bag system
- don't fill your bin with heavy lawn clippings – the weight limit is 80kg
- shake off soil before placing garden material in your bin
- bulky garden waste is accepted at Council waste facilities for a small fee

### What happens to your food and garden waste?

Food and garden material in the green bin is taken to an organics recycling facility at Cairncross. It is mulched and then composted to produce a nutrient-rich soil conditioner product.

#### What can go in the GREEN bin?

- all food waste and scraps
- meat, bones, chicken, fish, shellfish
- fruit and vegetable peels
- √ leftovers and plate scrapings
- ✓ bread, dairy, citrus fruit and onions
- √ coffee grounds
- garden waste like lawn clippings and weeds (no soil)
- √ small twigs, sticks and branches
- small non-treated timber offcuts
- √ prunings and flowers
- Cornstarch kitchen caddy bags for scraps



#### What can't go in the GREEN bin?

- x no plastic bags
- no food packaging or recyclables
- x no soils or rocks
- no large branches, stumps or building waste
- no treated timber
- no kitty litter, manure or animal dropping

Fibre-based food contact materials including baking paper, coffee filters, paper towels, serviettes; fibre-based food containers such as coffee cups, pizza boxes, plates, bowls; paper bags; cardboard packaging; and other compostable plastic bags