

Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO Program

Supplementary information

The [Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO Program](#) provides funding for local governments to support the implementation of a three-bin food organics and garden organics (FOGO) kerbside collection system.

Local governments can apply for funding of up to \$25 for each household receiving a three-bin FOGO collection service. The funding rate applies to the year in which FOGO services are provided and applies only once to each household.

Small general waste bins

Table 1 of the [Better practice FOGO kerbside collection guidelines](#) sets out the requirement for local governments to provide small general waste bins to households in order to access funding (maximum capacity of 140 L per fortnight).

A small general waste bin is commonly used as part of a three-bin system across local governments in Australia and is considered to be consistent with better practice.

The Waste Authority recently approved a proposal to allow local governments with large general waste bins to access Better Bins Plus funding on the condition that they transition to a small general waste bin by 30 June 2026.

When applying, local governments with large general waste bins must state their intention to move to small general waste bins before 30 June 2026 in Section D of the application form (under 'Variation to standard services').

The commitment to transition to a small general waste bins will be captured in the funding agreement.

Non-standard single-unit dwellings

Local governments may be eligible for funding for services provided to households which are not standard single-unit dwellings. Section 4 of the [Better Practice FOGO kerbside collection guidelines](#) provides information on variations to standard services. Local governments applying for funding for households which are not standard single-unit dwellings (e.g. multi-unit dwellings) must:

- state the number of properties that are not standard single-unit dwellings and describe these in Section D of the application form ('Variation to standard services').

- demonstrate that the proposed service(s) to these properties will deliver outcomes consistent with better practice without undermining the objectives of the waste strategy, by meeting the following criteria:
 - providing bins in Standards Australia colours
 - providing kitchen caddies and liners (consistent with the *Better practice FOGO kerbside collection guidelines*)
 - delivering complementary measures consistent with WasteSorted
- demonstrate and describe how the service will support resource recovery, by providing a brief justification of:
 - the proposed bin capacity proportions
 - the proposed frequency of bin collections
 - any other considerations that will impact the service’s effectiveness.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation may seek additional information from local government applicants regarding these services.

For more information or to apply for this round of funding, visit the Waste Authority’s [website](#) or contact the program coordinator by [email](#).

