

# Fact sheet - How can I make the most of my three bins?



## What can go in the yellow-lidded bin (recycling)?

- Glass, long-life milk and juice cartons, bills/ letters and papers
- Metal like tins, cans, aluminum foil (scrunch up into a ball so it can be sorted later)
- Most hard plastics (use the crinkle test – if it springs back and doesn't stay scrunched up, put it in the yellow-lidded bin)
- Packaging with plastics and cardboard – separate plastic and cardboard and recycle

## What can go in the red-lidded bin (waste)?

- Nappies, medical waste
- Soft plastics like food bags, plastic bags, cling films, foam and polystyrene
- Coated packaging (coffee/hot food containers that have a heat/leak lining)
- Old clothes

## What can go in the green-lidded bin (organics)?

- Food scraps (fish, meat/bones, coffee grounds, teabags, cooked foods)
- Garden waste (prunings, grass clippings, sticks, weeds, flowers)
- Tissues, newspaper, paper towel, shredded paper, pizza boxes

## Need another bin?

Order a large yellow or red-lidded bin on (02) 6022 9300. Charges (annual pro-rata) apply for 2015-16:

- Yellow-lidded (recycling) bins: 360L \$20, additional 240L \$30
- Red-lidded (waste) bin: 240L \$50, additional 140L \$56
- Green-lidded (organics) bin: 140L no charge, additional 140L \$155



## If you run out of liners for the kitchen caddy:

- Line your kitchen caddy with newspaper
- Gather all scraps in a bowl and drop directly into the green-lidded organics bin (or wrap in newspaper first)
- Collect additional rolls of 25 bin liners from your local council (no charge)

Note: Don't buy 'biodegradable' bags – they don't meet requirements for being compostable and are considered contamination. A new roll of compostable bin liners will be delivered to your home every year.



## Avoid smelly bins by:

- Putting all food items in the green-lidded organics bin collected weekly
- Add shredded paper and grass clippings to top of food in the organics bin
- Put smelly items (nappies, medical waste and foam meat trays) in two bags
- Ensure bin lids close (if lids are broken order a replacement by contacting council)
- Sprinkle a little kitty litter into the bottom of your red-lidded bin to absorb odours
- Placing newspaper or a pizza box at the bottom of your red or green-lidded bin.

For a full A-Z of what goes in each bin, visit [www.halvewaste.com.au](http://www.halvewaste.com.au)