

## How to go FOGO...

#### Step 1

- Place compostable bag liner inside your caddy
- Use only Council supplied AS4736 compostable bags
- NO plastic, bio-plastic or biodegradable bags can be used for FOGO

#### Step 2

- Place all kitchen food waste into the caddy
- Keep the lid closed and keep the caddy out of the sun





#### Step 3

- Empty the caddy regularly
- Place in your green lidded bin
- Rinse your caddy, grab another liner and have another FOGO!



Council supplied compostable liners





egg shells and dairy products

take away food and leftovers





meat, bones and seafood scraps (including shells)

vegetable and fruit scraps





tea leaves and coffee grounds

grass clippings, leaves, sticks, small branches





- plastic bags
- polystyrene
- nappies or wipes
- pet poo or kitty litter
- building waste, dirt or gravel



**PUT BINS** 

**OUT EVERY** 

TWO WEEKS





### All about FOGO

#### Why do we collect FOGO?

FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) can make up to 35% of kerbside landfill! This then breaks down to produce significantly high levels of greenhouse gas emissions. By diverting this food waste away from landfill, we can greatly reduce those emissions, and turn FOGO into valuable products (like compost).

#### Where does my FOGO end up?

In QPRC your FOGO is collected with your normal fortnightly green bin collection. It is taken to a composting facility.

#### Do I have to use a liner in my caddy?

Compostable liners are preferred, but if unavailable you can also use newspaper, or no liner at all. Simply rinse your caddy after emptying into your green bin.

#### Why does my liner get soft or break?

Heavy scraps, heat and moisture can make the liners go soft, this is normal as they are made to break down. If needed, take the caddy to the green bin when you empty it to prevent your FOGO escaping.

#### How do I keep my caddy from smelling?

Keep your caddy handy in the kitchen, with the lid shut, out of the sunlight. Empty frequently and rinse or clean as required.

Food scraps such as seafood or other smelly foods can be frozen, and taken out the night before FOGO collection.

## How do I keep my green bin from smelling?

Bagging your scraps in the supplied liners is the best way, but you can also layer garden organics with your FOGO scraps to minimise odour.

Put your green bin out on every green bin collection day, even if it is not full.

# YOUR GREEN BIN WILL BE EMPTIED EVERY TWO WEEKS AS PER YOUR NORMAL BIN SCHEDULE.



If you need interpreting services in your language please call **TIS National** on **131 450** and ask to be connected to 1300 735 025



The average household produces between

150 -250kg

of food waste per year!

Recent QPRC landfill bin audits showed...

30 to 42.5% of general waste

was Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) material!

What organics are filling your red bin?



28.3 to 38.5 % loose food

3.9 to 5.2 % food in containers





4.8 to 5.5 % garden organics



#### **Questions?**

For more information 1300 735 025 qprc.nsw.gov.au/fogo

