

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



When are my rukenga kai (food scraps) collected?

Your food scraps are collected weekly on your usual council collection day. Put it out every week, even if it's not full.

Will this food scraps service cost me?

This service is paid through a targeted rate to households in your neighbourhood.

I still want to compost, do I have to use the bin?

The food scraps service is complementary to home composting and worm farms. The food scraps bin takes meat, small bones, onion skins, citrus and shellfish. Please visit compostcollective.org.nz for more information on home composting.

What about compostable plates, cutlery and coffee cups?

Compostable packaging are not food scraps, therefore cannot be put in the food scraps bin.

What if I live in a multi-unit property (e.g. an apartment or a gated community)?

Your property may have a special arrangement for food scraps collections. Check with your property manager to see where to put your food scraps for collection, when needed.

What happens to the food scraps once they are collected?

Food scraps are full of valuable nutrients. The collected material will be turned into clean energy and liquid fertiliser. To find out more visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/foodscraps or scan the QR code below.



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WHAT GOES IN YOUR FOOD SCRAPS BIN



Vegetable scraps, including peelings, stalks and skins



Fruit scraps, including peelings, cores, stalks and skins



Meal scraps



Bread and mouldy food



Pasta and rice



Dairy products



Meat bones and scraps including fat trimmings



Fish scraps and bones, and shellfish shells



Eggshells



Coffee grounds and tea leaves



Indoor cut flowers

The following items **DO NOT** go in your food scraps bin:

- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Disposable food containers and utensils, including compostable items
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Cigarette butts
- ✗ Sanitary products and nappies
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Cling film, waxed paper or aluminium foil

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MAKE MORE KAI FROM KAI

Give us your rukenga kai (food scraps) and we'll turn them into clean energy and liquid fertiliser.

Just put them into your food scraps bin and we'll collect them weekly.



RECYCLING YOUR FOOD SCRAPS IS SIMPLE



1

Keep your caddy in the kitchen. To help keep your kitchen caddy clean, you can line it with newspaper, or an Auckland Council compostable bin liner.



2

All food scraps can be recycled including bones, meat, dairy, bread and fruit peel. Put them in your kitchen caddy during the week.



3

Empty your kitchen caddy into your food scraps bin regularly if it's getting smelly. Tie the bin liner closed and place it in your food scraps bin. Keep your caddy in the kitchen.



4

Put your food scraps bin out on your council collection day. Leave a large space between the bins. Ensure the lid is locked shut by bringing the black handle to an 'upright' position.

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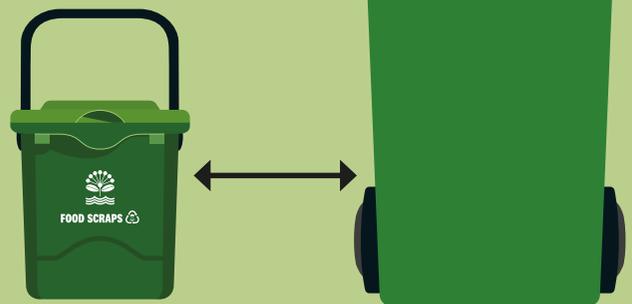
ON COLLECTION DAY

On your council collection day, put your rukenga kai (food scraps) bin out on the kerbside with your other bins.

Find your food scraps collection day on our website: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/foodscraps

Please remember:

- Place your bins out by 7am (unless you have an earlier collection time)
- Press down on the lid and bring the black handle up to lock the bin lid in place
- Put your food scraps bin **out to the side** of your other bins, **leaving a large gap**
- If you share a berm with your neighbours, place your food scraps bins together in a cluster.



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AUCKLAND COUNCIL COMPOSTABLE BIN LINERS

Pink Auckland Council compostable bin liners are easy to use, they keep your kitchen caddy clean and help to reduce smells. Store your compostable bin liners somewhere dry, away from sunlight. Compostable bin liners can be purchased at local supermarkets, council service centres and libraries.



Handy Hints

If you find the food scraps are beginning to smell, simply empty your kitchen caddy more often, freeze your food scraps or use liners. You can also wash your kitchen caddy with warm soapy water after it's been emptied.

You are not required to use a liner, instead you can use paper to line your caddy to help soak up any liquid.

*Pricing may vary between retailers.

