



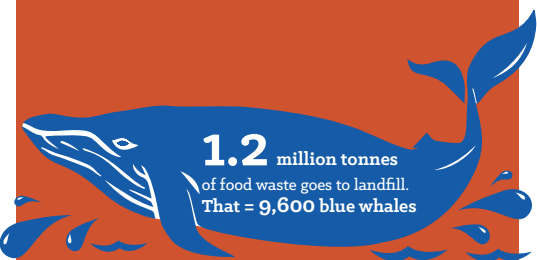
## FOGO means Food Organics and Garden Organics.

Food Organics and Garden Organics kerbside collection services, allows food to be added to the green-lid garden waste bin and recycled into top quality compost.

### Why is food waste a problem?



- When food waste decays in landfill it creates methane – a greenhouse gas with emissions that are 25 times more harmful than CO<sup>2</sup>
- It's a waste of money – NSW families estimate they throw out \$3,800 dollars of uneaten food a year
- Everybody hates wasting food – 72% of people are concerned about the amount of food they throw away
- It's a valuable resource – turned into compost it improves soil by adding organic matter and boosting crop yields.



**1.2** million tonnes of food waste goes to landfill. That = **9,600** blue whales

### How can we reduce food waste?



- Avoid it - by following [Love Food Hate Waste](#) tips
- Compost it at home or start a worm farm – 91% of people in NSW agree compost is good for soil
- Donate it before it becomes a waste - the law allows food businesses to donate good food to charities in NSW
- Put it in a FOGO bin where it can be collected from the kerbside and processed into compost
- Make energy with it - microbes in anaerobic digestion systems create gases from food waste that can be used to generate energy.



### NSW FOGO Info



- 69% of NSW households with services have a green-lid bin for organics, 43 councils have FOGO
- New services are diverting 151,000 tonnes of food and garden waste from landfill every year
- Average contamination of FOGO by weight is 2.6%
- The smaller the red-lid bin, the greater the food recovery from the green-lid bin
- Demand is meeting supply in many markets, including food production and sporting fields
- Most compost goes to urban landscaping (65%), 15% goes to farms to grow more food.



### What is the NSW Government doing?



- Providing grants of up to \$1.3 million to introduce FOGO services
- Providing grants of up to \$3 million for new FOGO processing facilities
- Providing grants to increase markets for compost
- Enabling food relief agencies to handle more donated food with funding for vans, fridges and freezers
- Helping households and business reduce food waste by encouraging good practices
- Providing grants for councils to trial food-only collections in unit blocks
- Providing grants for food waste collections from businesses
- Supporting new markets for compost to improve agricultural land by boosting soil health, moisture retention and resilience to disease.

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