

CARING FOR YOUR BINS

In Albany, it's the responsibility of the property owner to provide the required kerbside bins, and the resident's responsibility to help keep them in good condition.

Here are some useful tips to help keep your bins in good working order.

Bin TLC

Are your axles rusty?

Rusty axles can cause wheels to fall off! Slow rusting by spraying hubs and axles with a rust inhibitor spray.

Check your lid pins

Loose pins can lead to lid breakage. Check pins regularly and tap them in with a hammer to keep them secure.

Remove the anti-slap for longer lid life!

Most blue general waste bins have a rib in the centre of the handle which was designed to decrease noise during bin collection. Unfortunately, the rib puts extra stress on the bin hinge as the lid swings back, making it prone to breakage. There are instructions at www.albany.wa.gov.au/waste to show how to remove this rib to help extend the life of your bin. If you need help, please contact the Waste Team for assistance.

Need spare parts?

Spare parts including pins, axles and wheels are available for purchase from Plastics Plus at 148 Albany Highway or Cleanaway Albany at 12 Allerton Street.

Keep it clean

How to reduce bin smells

Unfortunately, all bins smell a bit! But there are some things you can do to reduce odours:

- Put your bins out for collection every scheduled collection day, even if they are not full.
- Keep bins in the shade if possible, with the lids tightly closed.
- Clean your bin regularly with hot soapy water.
- Try sprinkling baking soda, vinegar, oil of cloves or lemon juice into the bin after it has been emptied.
- Use a commercial bin deodoriser, available at hardware stores.

Tips to reduce pests and smells in your FOGO bin

Try these tips to make your FOGO a NO-GO for pests and smells

- Drain liquids from your scraps before putting them in the bin.
- Layer food waste in your FOGO bin with garden clippings, leaves, grass or paper.
- Keep particularly smelly food waste (such as shellfish or meat scraps) in a paper bag in your freezer and drop it in the FOGO bin closer to collection.
- Wrap animal droppings in paper.
- Do not overfill the bin – make sure you can close the lid.
- Drop some cardboard in the bottom of your FOGO bin after each collection before you start refilling.
- Hose out your bin occasionally to stop the build-up of waste.



Please contact the City of Albany's Waste Team for more information:

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