

Top Tips to Reduce Pests and Smells in your FOGO bin

As the weather warms up your FOGO bin can become an attractive place for unwanted guests and unpleasant odours. Try these tips to make your FOGO a NO-GO for pests and smells.

Avoid Excess Moisture

Excess liquid in the bin can create an ideal moist environment for flies to breed on warmer days. Make sure you select a shaded spot to store your bin and absorb extra moisture by placing cardboard in the bottom of the bin, layering with green waste. It's also a good idea to layer scraps with paper towel in your kitchen caddy. You can also sprinkle a bit of bicarb soda in the bottom of the bin to absorb excess liquid.

Don't Overfill Liners

If you are using compostable liners in your kitchen caddy, leave enough space to tie them off before you put them in your FOGO bin.

Close Any Gaps

Make sure there are no gaps in the bin for easy fly access – if you've taken out the bin insert, make sure the vents have been replaced or covered with insulation tape. Try placing a brick on the lid during the week (take it off for collection).

Freeze It First

Put smelly food items in the freezer and wait until the night before collection to place them in the bin.

Add a Natural Deterrant

Give the bin a rinse out after collection – try adding some citronella or tea tree oil to the bin as these are natural insect deterrents.

Wrap or Defer Pet Waste

If you are putting pet waste in the bin, either pick it up with newspaper then put the whole lot in a compostable bag, or leave the poo in a neat pile away from windows before transferring it into the bin the night before collection.

Don't miss a collection day!

Your FOGO bin will be collected weekly (on your normal bin day) for an 8 week period each year, from just before Christmas until early February. Have your bins out by 6am on your bin day, and remember that bins are collected on public holidays.

