



# Top tips to trim your bin this Christmas

If your bins are bulging over the festive season, here are some tips to manage your waste and keep your bin lids closed:

## Drop off recycling for free

Take excess cardboard and other recyclable items to Fossicker's at the Hanrahan Road Waste Facility – you can drop off household amounts for free.

## Make the most of your FOGO bin

Put all food scraps, garden prunings, dirty cardboard and used paper products like tissues and paper serviettes in your FOGO bin, collected weekly on your normal bin day for 8 weeks over the festive season.

## Don't waste your leftovers

If you get left holding the ham (or anything else!), try some of these great leftover recipes from Oz Harvest [www.ozharvest.org/use-it-up/tips/](http://www.ozharvest.org/use-it-up/tips/).

## DIY bin station

If you're the festive host, set up labelled boxes or tubs for recycling, food waste, 10c refund containers and general waste, and get your guests to do their bit. Check out our website to see what goes where: [www.albany.wa.gov.au/waste](http://www.albany.wa.gov.au/waste).

## Wrap it up

Don't be one of the average Aussies who use around 8 metres of paper to wrap gifts each year! Go for a re-purposed solution such as last year's Christmas paper, your kids' artwork, old maps, or even fabric. If you do buy new, avoid shiny foil wrapping as this can't be recycled.

## Squeeze it out

Save space by squeezing air out of rubbish bags and tying them tightly. This is a good option for bags of soft plastics, which can be squished to a very small size (while we wait for soft plastics recycling to return to supermarkets in the future).

## If you still have too much rubbish for your bins...

### Ask a friend

If it's just a festive season thing, ask a friend or neighbour if you can put excess rubbish in their bin (you must have permission first). Don't put household waste in public bins, as fines apply.

### Drop off your excess general waste

Hanrahan Road Waste Facility is open 7 days/week (except Christmas and New Year's Day). The minimum charge of \$10 allows you to bring in more than a wheelie bin's worth of rubbish (up to 80kg). For a big load, why not use the waste passes sent out with your rates notice (if you're renting, ask your property manager).

### Get some help

If too much waste is a regular thing for your household, please contact our friendly Waste Team to help you find a solution. Phone 6820 3000 or email [fogo@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:fogo@albany.wa.gov.au).