

Our green bins are giving back to the community

Wagga Wagga City Council is inviting residents to collect free compost made from their own food and garden waste.

The community giveaway will take place at Gregadoo Waste Management Centre from Thursday 29 May to Monday 9 June, while stocks last.

Since the introduction of the kerbside FOGO service in 2018, the green lid bin has played a vital role in diverting food waste and organic material from landfill.

Each year, approximately 12,500 tonnes of green lid bin waste are collected from households across the Local Government Area and processed into high-quality compost.

Council's Waste Facilities Manager Andrea Baldwin said the compost giveaway is a way to connect residents with the end product of their waste-sorting efforts.

"This is about closing the loop; residents contribute to the FOGO system every week, and now they have an opportunity to see, and use, the results of their contribution," Ms Baldwin said.

"We understand the recent changes to what can go in the green lid bin may take some adjustment, but this giveaway is a reminder that your efforts are making a real difference."

The compost is produced by EPA licenced commercial composting operator Wormtech, which has refined its processing methods since 2016.

The product is made locally from food and garden organics collected through the FOGO system.

A stockpile of mature, nutrient-rich compost is now ready for distribution to the community. Residents are invited to collect the product at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre.

What you need to know:

- The compost is for residents of the LGA only and residents will be asked to show their license at the weighbridge prior to collection
- Bring a trailer, ute, tubs or bulk media bags
- Limit 1 tonne or three cubic metres (approx. 6x4ft box trailer) per household
- Vehicle, trailers and loads must be covered and safe for transport
- Inform weighbridge staff that you are there to collect compost
- No commercial or business operators, this compost is for households only.

What you need to do:

- Arrive between 10am-3pm, seven days a week

- Present to the weighbridge with an empty load
- Collect an info pack and indicate if loading assistance is required
- Follow staff direction to the loading point
- Remain in your vehicle and attentive during loading

No bookings are required, but quantities are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the compost giveaway or the updated FOGO guidelines, visit www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/waste or contact Council's Customer Service team on 1300 292 442.

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Media Opportunity

What: Hear about the FOGO Compost giveaway, being launched this week.

Who: Waste Facilities Manager Andrea Baldwin.

When: Thursday 29 May at 9am.

Where: 132 Ashford's Road, Gregadoo Waste Management Centre (Meet at weighbridge).

Contact 6926 9190 or media@wagga.nsw.gov.au

About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of \$240 million.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre, and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina, and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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