

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



## WasteSorted inside the house



### Top tip!

Try freezing particularly smelly items like seafood scraps, and only add them to the bin the night before collection.



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Let hot food scraps cool before putting them in the caddy to stop the bag from breaking down too quickly.



### FOGO caddy

- ✓ Keep your caddy in a cool, dry place.
- ✓ Empty often, especially when adding meat, fish or dairy.
- ✓ Keep your kitchen caddy closed to keep flies out.
- ✓ Use certified compostable liners in your FOGO kitchen caddy.
- ✓ Change caddy liners before they are full so you can tie them up and avoid breakage.
- ✓ Wash your caddy regularly, (it's dishwasher safe!) and dry it out. A sprinkle of bi-carb soda in the bottom of the liner can help keep things fresh.



### Recycling station

- ✓ Set up a box or tub for your recyclables to keep them separate from other types of waste.
- ✓ Rinse your recyclables. This also helps to keep your recycling station fresh.

### Hygiene products

- ✓ Put nappies, incontinence and other sanitary products in the general waste bin. Scented bags or a sprinkle of bi-carb soda can help control smells. With nappies, where possible, empty solid waste down the toilet before wrapping the nappy into itself and then into a nappy sack to help contain smells.



## WasteSorted outside the house

- ✓ Store bins in the shade.
- ✓ Put your FOGO bin out every week for collection, even if it's not full.
- ✓ Keep bin lids securely closed to prevent pests from getting in. If your bin is broken or cracked, contact your local government for information about repairs and replacement.
- ✓ Wash bins regularly.
- ✓ Prevent moisture buildup in your FOGO bin by layering wet items like food scraps and lawn clippings between dry items like twigs, dry leaves or wood chips.
- ✓ Sprinkle bi-carb soda to absorb liquid and reduce smells. Use natural insect deterrents like lemon juice, citronella, cinnamon, clove oil, vinegar or tea tree oil.