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FOGO gets a go-go in expanded trial

Adelaide Hills Council is expanding its weekly FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) trial across the Balhannah, Charleston, Lobethal, Oakbank, and Woodside townships to provide a more sustainable kerbside bin service.

"Following the success of the 2023 Woodside township trial, Council is excited to expand the service and deliver weekly FOGO to 2270 more households," said Deputy Mayor, Nathan Daniell.

"Woodside households embraced the initial trial by transforming their waste habits and exceeding the State Government's diversion target."

"Weekly FOGO collection better aligns to current household habits, with previous audits identifying a substantial volume of blue landfill bin contents could be diverted into green bins."

Trial participants increased their food waste diversion from 14% to 46%. Across the three-bin system an impressive 77% of waste was diverted away from landfill.

"The service provides a convenient way to dispose of food scraps, delivers a cheaper alternative than landfill disposal, and adds to the local compost economy."

"Our community is passionate about reducing its environmental impact. We know every banana peel, every coffee grind, every plate scrap that goes into the green bin makes a real difference, leading to a cleaner, greener Adelaide Hills"

"We're incredibly proud to do our part for the environment, the economy, and most importantly, our community." said Deputy Mayor Daniell.

From **Tuesday 4 November 2025**, East Waste will begin collecting the green-lidded organics bins weekly and blue-lidded waste collections will move to fortnightly. Yellow recycling bins will continue to be collected fortnightly.

Beginning in February 2026, Council will evaluate the outcomes and financial implications from the expanded trial. It is expected that this service will continue beyond the trial phase and be rolled out in other township areas.







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