

Your Kitchen Caddy

What is a Kitchen Caddy?

A Kitchen Caddy is a small container that you keep in the kitchen to put food scraps in.



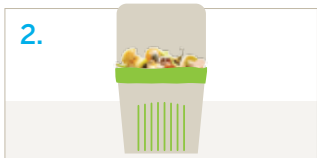
How to use your Kitchen Caddy and compostable liners.

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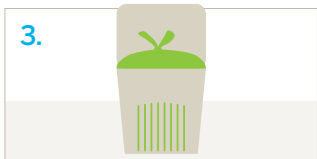
Line the Kitchen Caddy with a compostable bag.

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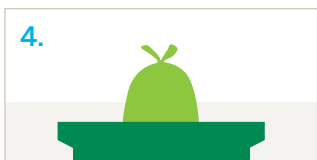
Place food scraps into the compostable bag.

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When full, tie the top to seal and remove.

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Dispose of the full compostable bag in your Green Organics bin or home compost.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY KITCHEN CADDY?

Fruit, vegetables, meat, bread, cheese, cake, egg shells, teabags, coffee grinds, takeaway food, hair, bones, seafood.



WHAT CAN'T I PUT IN MY KITCHEN CADDY?

Clingwrap, plastic bags, foil, nappies, polystyrene, other plastics, vacuum dust, liquids, cigarette butts or ash.



Remember: If it didn't grow, it doesn't go!

Never use plastic bags to line your Kitchen Caddy.

Even if they are labelled 'degradable' or 'biodegradable' they will not break down into soil in a commercial composting operation. **Only use compostable bags.**

Get creative and make your own kitchen caddy liner out of newspaper. Search for 'kitchen caddy liner out of newspaper' on www.youtube.com



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Why is Council giving away Kitchen Caddies?

Over 35% of the contents of Mount Gambier's rubbish bins is food scraps, and a further 9% is garden waste. That equates to over 2,500 tonnes of organic material going to landfill every year. If all Mount Gambier residents put everything in the correct bin it would save the community over \$200,000 every year. It might seem like just one banana peel or apple core at a time doesn't make a difference, but when you add it up over the whole town over a whole year - **little things add up!**

When organic material is buried in landfill it creates leachate and landfill gas, both of which have the potential to pollute the environment. Sending organics to landfill is also a waste of resources, as the material can be composted and returned to gardens and farms instead.

Will the food in my Green Organics bin smell?

Not if you empty your Kitchen Caddy regularly into your Green Organics bin and tie up your caddy liners. The tied up liners and bin lid will stop smells getting out and vermin getting in.

Where can I get replacement compostable bags?

- At Council's customer service desk.
- At **Ecologie Organics** in Mount Gambier.
- At **Go Vita** in Mount Gambier.
- At **Bunnings** Mount Gambier.
- At **Banner Mitre 10** Mount Gambier.
- At **Coles** Mount Gambier.
- Online from **Source Separation Systems:**
www.sourceseparationsystems.com.au



Bags **MUST** have the certified compostable logo

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Kitchen Caddy contact Council on 8721 2555 or city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

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