

Why are we introducing Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) waste collection to our urban areas?

About 40% of all waste we currently put in our general rubbish (landfill) bins is food and garden organic waste. When organic waste degrades in landfill, it generates environmentally harmful greenhouse gasses, which affects the planet's temperature - leading to changes in the climate such as extreme weather events. By introducing FOGO in Councils across the North-West Coast, we are making beneficial changes to help make our communities more environmentally sustainable.

How much will it cost?

The FOGO process is ultimately more cost effective than landfill disposal and regeneration, which in turn lowers cost for ratepayers. The **nett** cost of the FOGO collection service this year is \$11 (due to the reduction in urban waste collection cost as we move from weekly to fortnightly collection). This charge is only applied to your rates if you receive the service. By reducing our waste to landfill, we will also be reducing the amount we have to pay to the State Government in Waste Levies, which will benefit all ratepayers. For a full explanation on the changes to waste charges this year - see the table overleaf.



For a comprehensive guide on what to put in each of your bins, visit www.nwrrr.com

Waratah-Wynyard Council waste charges explained.

There have been changes to the way your waste charges have been calculated this year. Differences (increases AND decreases) are due to a number of variables, including the introduction of FOGO in our urban collection areas, the switch to fortnightly waste and recycling collections, the rising costs of service delivery and the increase to the State Government Landfill Levy. This table explains these changes and which ratepayers they affect.



RATE / CHARGE	2024-25	Urban ratepayer WITH collection service	Rural ratepayer WITH collection service	Rural ratepayer NO collection service	Business ratepayers
Urban Waste Collection (previously \$190)	\$106	✓			✓
Rural Waste Collection (previously \$142)	\$147		✓		
FOGO Collection (new charge)	\$95	✓			
Recycling Collection (previously \$68)	\$80	✓	✓		✓
Waste Transfer Station (previously \$162)	\$168	✓	✓	✓	✓
State Govt. Landfill Levy (previously \$17)	\$28	✓	✓	✓	✓
TOTAL change in annual waste charges (compared to 2023-24)		+\$40	+\$34	+\$17	-\$55