

## Update for Participants



# Food Recycling Trial Settles In

**Thank you for participating in the food recycling trial to assist Northern Sydney Councils to find out how best to collect food from different types of residences and businesses.**

In the first four weeks, 10.2 tonnes of segregated food waste has been collected from across the seven residential trial areas, a positive result.

### What goes in your kitchen food bin?



About 50% of trial area households in houses have taken up separating their food waste, but households in units are finding more obstacles to participating.

If you get a chance to encourage your neighbours to participate, please do – the more food waste we can collect during the trial the more we will find out about how such a service could work in the future.

## Feedback and Response

### **Some residents have told us that the food bin collection service has missed picking up the burgundy-lid bins.**

- This is generally due to (non-food) rubbish in the bin which as a result has to be emptied by the garbage truck to avoid the food waste being contaminated and unable to be delivered to the composting facility
- If you see garbage in the food bin please call or email the project team so we can try to communicate to residents in that building that the burgundy-lid food bin is **only** for food waste collected in the green compostable bags we provided
- Let us know if there is a missed collection of uncontaminated food waste.

### **Some bins in shared food bins in or outside apartment buildings have attracted flies and are creating a bad odour, leading to residents being unwilling to use them.**

- Bins in units in the Ryde trial are cleaned monthly and bins in the chute rooms in the Chatswood trial are cleaned out and wiped down each week, to help reduce this problem
- Odour and other problems can be caused by too much material or too much liquid in the green bags, causing them to break when they are dropped into the food bin
- Drain liquids from tea bags and please don't use the green bags for tipping out the liquid dregs from tea and coffee cups etc.
- Empty your caddy every few days so that the bags are not too heavy when you drop them into the food bin
- Double bag your caddy if you are finding bags are breaking.

### **We are still seeing too many plastic bags in the waste.**

- Please use the green compostable bags for the food waste. If you have run out, contact us and in the meantime use paper to line the caddy.

More about this at [nsroc.com.au/foodrecyclingtrial](https://nsroc.com.au/foodrecyclingtrial)



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