

Update for Participants



The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils food scraps recycling research project is in its last few weeks. Thank you to those people who participated.

The trial will finish the week commencing **20 June** for the eight residential areas in Lane Cove, Willoughby and Ryde council areas.

Waste collection services during the week of **20 to 24 June** will be the last pick-ups of separated food waste from your residence or building. Bins will be progressively removed or changed back to red-lid bins after the last pick-up.

Between 30 May and 10 June every truck load of food waste and of red-lid bin waste has been 'audited' to find out how much food was left in the red-lid bin and how much garbage was in the food bin (see image below for how a waste audit happens).

This will allow us to work out how much food is available from residents living in houses, medium density and high-rise apartments.



After 24 June we will be distributing a survey to find out what residents thought about the trial, so please send a response when you receive it in your email inbox.

What happens at the end of the trial?

- You are able to keep the food caddy for kitchen scraps
- Food bins from houses, bin bays and chute rooms will be collected and re-used for other waste collections
- Food scraps in the red-lid bin will continue to go through a process that turns organic waste into low-grade compost for rehabilitating a mine site
- The results of the trial will be written up as a report and summary information will be available to residents
- A short survey will be sent out after the trial period ends so you can tell us how you found the service and the experience of separating food from other waste.

Can I keep recycling my food scraps after the trial finishes?

**If you live in the Lane Cove Local Government Area
(houses in the trial suburbs Greenwich and Lane Cove
North):**

Council is making a compost bin available for each household in the trial areas until 8 July, at no cost. It will be delivered to your home after we receive an email from you with your address. Only one bin per address is offered.

Email: sustainability@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

**If you live in the Willoughby City Council Local
Government Area (trial area apartment buildings in
Chatswood CBD):**

If you live in The Bentleigh at 1 Katherine St contact your Building Manager to access the compost bins in the community garden.

If you're in one of the other buildings in the Chatswood trial area, we are looking into options for re-using food scraps, but for the time being go back to using the garbage chute as you previously did.

**If you live in the City of Ryde Local Government Area (trial
area apartment buildings in Meadowbank, Gladesville,
Eastwood and Macquarie Park):**

Ryde Council will be offering residents in the medium density units in the trial areas who would like to continue to separate their food waste a free compost bin for the property. Interested Strata Committees wishing to establish a food garden on-site can contact Council for further information.

Email: waste@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Thanks again for your participation and contact the call centre or foodrecyclingtrial@lanecove.nsw.gov.au if you any questions or comments.

Food Organics Research Project Team

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