

Information Session

Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) for Local Government



Date: Monday, 8 October
Time: 5:00pm to 6:30pm (Registrations from 4:45pm)
Venue: WALGA Boardroom, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville
Parking: Limited free parking is available onsite

BACKGROUND

The Waste Authority Better Bins Program provides funding for Local Governments to implement better practice approaches to kerbside collection. This funding Program is scheduled to cease in December 2018. This Program, as well as growing community expectations, is encouraging Local Governments to consider ways to enhance their kerbside collection systems by providing additional services for the collection of food or garden organics and changing bin configurations and sizes.

A number of Local Government have introduced a third bin for the collection of Garden Organics (GO), which can increase diversion from landfill for these areas to around 50% of all household waste. Food waste typically makes up between 20-30% of household waste collected through the kerbside system. Current State Government targets are set at 65% diversion from landfill by 2020.

Across Australia there are currently more than 90 Local Government areas which have implemented a three-bin FOGO system, with most located in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. Currently in Western Australia, a number of Local Governments outside the Perth metropolitan area have implemented this type of system, including Bunbury Harvey Regional Council (BHRC) members, City of Bunbury, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Capel, Shire of Dardanup, Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup and Shire of Boyup Brook.

As part of a joint project between the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC), Cities of Fremantle and Melville and Town of East Fremantle, the City of Melville has become the first metropolitan Local Government to implement a three-bin FOGO service. This is part of a trial to approximately 7,000 households, which has taken place over the past year. This project has delivered strong results and community support, with an aim to implement the service across all three participating Local Governments in mid-2019.

ABOUT THE SESSION

WALGA is hosting an Information Session, with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council and the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council, to share experiences of implementing and maintaining FOGO systems with other Local Government officers and elected members.

REGISTRATION AND COST

Please register your attendance [online](#) by **12 noon Friday, 5 October**.

This is a **FREE** event for Local Government Officers and Elected Members.
(*Video conferencing facilities are available for regionally based officers and members*)

MORE INFORMATION

For more **information on the event** please contact Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au.