

FOGO CONTAMINATION WARNING POLICY

Council reminds residents that the Food Organics and Garden Organics or FOGO bin is the kerbside waste collection service for food and garden waste.

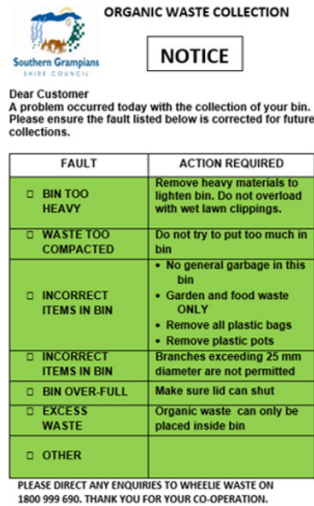
The service is an easy way for households to actively make a positive difference to the environment as around 56% of rubbish in garbage bins is typically organic food and garden waste.

The collection of FOGO material reduces the amount of waste going to landfill, decreases greenhouse gas emissions and produces quality compost that goes back into the environment on farms.

By putting non-compostable waste such as glass, plastic bags, aerosol cans, fabrics, plastic bottles, nappies and general waste in your FOGO bin, you will contaminate the compost which is used as a soil improver on farms and gardens. Contamination creates a litter problem with loose plastics blown around our region.

In order to combat contamination within Southern Grampians FOGO waste, Council has introduced a policy for households who repeatedly put contaminated material in their FOGO bin. Collection trucks are fitted with cameras and GPS so that the driver can see what is going into the truck.

First breach: If contamination is detected in your FOGO bin for the first time, you will be issued with a sticker (as pictured) on the FOGO bin indicating what the problem is.



Second breach: If drivers find contaminated waste in your FOGO bin for a second time, the bin will be issued with a second sticker indicating that the bin contained incorrect items. Council will send you a warning letter and will provide you with educational materials that show clearly what can go in the FOGO bin.

Third breach: If incorrect items are found in your FOGO bin a third time, the FOGO kerbside collection service will be suspended. To get the FOGO service reinstated you will need to contact Council on 5573 0444 to discuss plans to improve future household waste management.

Residents are reminded to please do your bit for the environment and use the recycling or yellow lidded bin for your recyclable items such as plastic containers, glass, paper, cardboard and metal containers. Use the general waste bin for general waste and everyday household rubbish. Council has a great range of resources at www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO to help residents manage their waste correctly.

For more information about FOGO or other waste services contact Council on 5573 0444 or visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO for more information.

CONTRACTS AND QUOTATIONS

No.	Name	Closing
Q522-20	Concrete Crushing	2.00pm Monday 28 September 2020
36-20	Pedrina Park Inclusive Sports Hub - Pavilion	2.00pm Monday 19 October 2020
Q528-20	Purchase of Apple iPads and iPhones	2.00pm Thursday 24 September 2020

Tender documents, including a full specification are available to download from the Council's website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au and submitted electronically via the e-tendering portal.

ELECTION PERIOD (CARETAKER)

Local Government elections will be held across Victoria in October. There is an Election Period (more commonly known as Caretaker) in the lead up to the election. The Election Period starts at midday on **22 September 2020** and ends at **6:00pm** on **24 October 2020**.

During the Election Period, Councillors and Council officers are subject to a variety of restrictions in relation to:

- Council Decision Making;
- Publications;
- Media Releases;
- Functions and Events;
- Displaying Electoral Material;
- Council Resources; and
- Information to Councillors and Candidates.

The primary focus of these restrictions is to ensure that there is no connection between Council resources or staff and any election activities undertaken by any candidates in the election. This is to ensure that the election is conducted in an environment that is fair to all candidates. Councillors and Council officers must abide by Council's Election Period Policy during this time.

Due to these restrictions, publications and notices from Council in the Spectator, on its websites and social media pages will be limited to essential information only. For more information, please see Council's Election page on its website: www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE: UPDATE ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

Following the announcement regarding Regional Victoria moving to Step Three on the Roadmap to Reopening, there are a number of changes to Council services. Information correct at time of printing 19 September 2020.

SERVICE	OPERATION
Skate parks	Open.
Playgrounds	Open.
Recreation Reserves	Open.
Outdoor Gym Equipment	Open.
Cultural Facilities including: Gallery, Library, Performing Arts Centre	Closed. Digital services are still available through Greater Hamilton Library as well as delivery and collection options. Contact the Library on 5573 0470 for more information.
HILAC and Outdoor Swimming Pools	Closed.
Visitor Information Centres	Closed.

Council remains committed to helping slow the spread of COVID-19 within our community, to protect our staff, volunteers and visitors, and to play our role in the national response to limiting transmissions during this pandemic. Council will continue to be guided by the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services about appropriate actions going forward.

Council is still here to help you. Visit sthgrampians.vic.gov.au for impacts on Council services or contact Council on 5573 0444 or via email at council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Southern Grampians Shire Council aims to attract and retain skilled, loyal and dedicated people by offering work-based training opportunities, flexible working arrangements and providing a great work / life balance. Our organisation is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to child safety. We currently have the following employment opportunities available:

- **COORDINATOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION | FULL-TIME**
- **COORDINATOR IT SERVICES | FULL-TIME**
- **CASUAL SWIM TEACHERS**
- **CASUAL LIFEGUARDS**

For further information and a copy of the position description, contact 5573 0431 or visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.