

Food and garden organics bins for businesses

Turn your food waste into compost by using our food and garden organics service – **now available for businesses.**

Why?

- **Reduce your impact on climate change** – Food waste sent to landfill creates greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.
- **Give the customers what they want** – People want to support businesses that take action to reduce their environmental impact.
- **Boost staff morale** – People love to be involved in a positive community action.
- **Support the circular economy** – Turn food waste into compost that improves the soil in local parks, community gardens and Victorian farms.
- **It's quick and easy!**

How?

- **Order your bin**
Complete the online form available from merri-bek.vic.gov.au/foodandgarden or phone 03 9240 1111.
- **Learn what can (and can't) go in your bin**
You can put most types of food scraps in your food and garden organics bin, including fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grinds, loose tea leaves, meat, bones and seafood, leftovers, processed foods and more! Compostable bags are not accepted in our food and garden organics bins.
- **Set up your food collection system**
Find a spot for your complimentary kitchen caddy and use signage to clearly show what can go in the bin. Download signs from our website: merri-bek.vic.gov.au/foodandgarden
- **Train staff**
Make sure staff know how to separate food scraps so they can be turned into compost.
- **Collect food scraps**
Start collecting your food scraps and put them in your food and garden organics bin.
- **Put your bin out**
Take your bin out for collection each week, and we'll do the rest!



Want to donate leftover food?

Do you have edible, leftover food that would be suitable for donation? Find an organisation to work with in your local area by visiting merri-bek.vic.gov.au/donate-food

Want to reduce food waste?

Reduce the amount of food waste ending up in the bin, and improve profits, by reviewing how much your business purchases or throws away. Visit lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/business to find out how.

For more information visit merri-bek.vic.gov.au/foodandgarden