

About the trial partners



One of Adelaide's oldest residential areas, the City of Burnside consists of 28 suburbs and has a population of 42,000 people. Well known for its established tree lined streets and open space areas, Burnside has almost 200 hectares of natural reserves and developed park areas within a 30 square kilometre area.

The Burnside Council has a strong commitment to, and is a leader in, environmental and conservation management practices.

www.burnside.sa.gov.au



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East Waste – a regional subsidiary of six Adelaide metropolitan Councils, is responsible for the collection of household domestic waste, recycling and green organics in Burnside; Norwood, Payneham & St Peters; Campbelltown; Walkerville; Mitcham and Adelaide Hills.

Each year East Waste is responsible for the collection of almost 35,000 tonnes of household domestic waste, 22,000 tonnes of household recycling and 20,000 tonnes of green organics material.

www.eastwaste.com



Family owned and operated, Jeffries has been receiving, processing and marketing recyclable organic products throughout South Australia since 1920.

A leading environmental company, Jeffries works with public and private sector organisations to minimise organic resources being sent to landfill, and maximise their use to improve soil fertility. Each year they receive and process over 80,000 tonnes of organics from councils, kerbside collections, and garden maintenance contractors.

www.jeffriesgroup.com.au



Zero Waste SA has the primary objective of promoting waste management practices that, as far as possible, eliminate waste or its consignment to landfill and advance the development of resource recovery and recycling.

South Australia's Waste Strategy 2005-2010 sets out key waste reduction targets and includes measures to achieve them. Under the plan, 75% of all household waste (including food waste) destined for kerbside collection will be recycled by 2010.

www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

Using your Bio Basket





What do I have to do?

Step 1: Put one of the provided corn starch bag liners into the Burnside Bio Basket;

Step 2: Place all your food scraps into the lined Burnside Bio Basket;

Step 3: Remove the bag and contents every 2-3 days, tie a knot in the top of the bag and place into your green organics bin ready for its fortnightly collection.

What can be placed in the Burnside Bio Basket?

- Food scraps and peels
- Meat scraps and bones
- Teabags and coffee grounds
- Egg shells
- Dairy products
- Hair
- Shredded paper and tissues
- Paper towels

What can't be placed in the Burnside Bio Basket or green organics bin?

- Plastic bags / any plastic
- Cans / metal
- Glass / ceramics
- Sharps
- Nappies
- Cigarette butts or ash
- Large amounts of soil
- Animal waste / kitty litter
- Vacuum dust
- Textile materials
- Personal hygiene products

Common questions & answers

Who is involved in the trial?

Almost 1,800 homes through Kensington Park, Kensington Gardens, Rosslyn Park, Erindale, Burnside and Hazelwood Park have been selected to participate in a six month trial, making it the largest food waste collection trial ever undertaken in Australia.

What is the trial about?

Approximately half of the contents of an average household rubbish bin destined for landfill is food waste or organic material. When in landfill, organic materials break down without oxygen and produce unwanted leachates and methane gas.

This trial aims to remove and collect this material and turn it into nutrient rich compost that can enrich our soils, reduce evaporation and conserve water. It may also help us achieve the State Government's target of 75% diversion of municipal waste from landfill by 2010.

I don't have a green organics bin. What do I do?

A small number of homes in Burnside do not have a green organics bin. If this is the case, please call our hotline on 8347 5127 and a bin will be provided for the trial.

Will my green organics bin collection dates change during the trial?

Yes. Instead of a monthly collection, your organics bin will now be collected fortnightly. We have provided you with a new collection calendar for your street and also a participation sticker for your bin lid.

What will happen if I put the wrong thing into the Burnside Bio Basket?

Contamination of the collected organic material by non-approved items will interfere with the composting process and may result in the material not being able to be used. If you are unsure about an item, please refer to the sticker on top of your green organics bin. Continued contamination may result in you not being able to participate in this trial.

What are the bags made of?

The bags are constructed of biodegradable material based on cornstarch, vegetable oil and compostable polyester. When commercially composted, they break down completely in around 30 days.

What happens if I run out of Bio-film bags?

You have been supplied with a roll of 100 bags, which should be enough to last for the duration of the trial. However, if you do run low, please call East Waste on 8347 5127 and they will arrange delivery of additional bags for you. Plastic bags should never be used in your Burnside Bio Basket.

