

# ORGANICS

If organic waste goes to landfill it takes up valuable space and as it decomposes, harmful greenhouse gases (methane emissions) are produced. To reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfill, Narrabri, Boggabri, Baan Baa, and Wee Waa has access to an organics collection. This occurs once a fortnight using the organics bin. Residents who receive an organics collection service will be provided with a 240 litre bin with a green lid and a small kitchen caddy for food scraps.

Residents should use this service as much as possible when disposing of their tree prunings, thin branches up to 1 metre long, flowers, weeds and grass clippings at home. Residents should also use this bin for disposing of their food scraps that they collect in their kitchen caddy.

Larger garden organics such as tree stumps and large branches can be taken to your local landfill for appropriate disposal. Remember to sort your load to ensure there is no contamination and to **SAVE YOU** money! Did you know if you use this service effectively you will be able to increase the amount of organic material that is diverted from landfill, by reducing what you put into your waste bin. Your green waste is processed and turned into mulch or compost.

For further information, please contact the Waste Hotline 1300 736 719.

The kitchen caddy is to be lined with compostable bags. Compostable bags can be obtained free of charge by contacting the Waste Hotline. Use the kitchen caddy to dispose of kitchen waste including raw or cooked food, tea bags, coffee grounds, fruit, vegetables, peelings, leftovers, paper towels, meat and fish. Please don't use plastic bags as an alternative, even if they are labelled 'bio-degradable'. They will not break down with our composting method.



When placing items in your garden organics bin:

- No plastic bags or rubbish
- No nappies
- Ensure sticks and branches placed in the bin are a maximum of 1m in length



Prunings & flowers



Grass clippings



Leaves



Twigs & branches



Food scraps, oil, kitchen paper etc

Items which cannot be disposed of in your organics bin include (but are not limited to):



Plastic bags



Dirt, rocks and soil



Tree trunks and logs



Nappies



Building materials