



1. Why are we moving to a three-bin system?

Council asks the community, whilst we are rolling this new system out, that residents give this new initiative a "fair go" and try to make positive changes prior to looking at alternate options. After a period If the new system isn't meeting the needs of your household, please come into the Shire Office and speak with the staff regarding the issues surrounding your new bin service.

"Source separation" is the most effective waste management tool for reducing waste processing costs and increasing recycling rates.

A third bin will allow garden waste to be separated from the general waste stream to be processed more effectively. This will result in significant benefits for the Shire of Wagin, including increasing the life span of the Wagin Refuse Site.

2. When will I get the new lime green garden lid replaced on my old general waste bin?

With your Red 140L bin, there was a flyer attached with the information about the two bins, this will give you a guide and some FAQs with a schedule of the new kerbside collection. In the coming weeks the new lids will be fitted by our contractors.

3. Will this initiative cost more?

Residents will incur no extra charges for the three-bin system.

4. When will my bins get emptied?

RED LID BIN - General Waste – Weekly

YELLOW LID BIN - Recycling – Fortnightly as per usual

GREEN LID BIN - Green Waste – Fortnightly alternate weeks to recycling

5. Will I still get my tip passes for The Shire of Wagin Refuse Site?

Yes. We have no plans to change the issuing of six annual tip passes to Shire of Wagin ratepayers who pay for the annual waste refuse service fee.

6. My red 140L general waste bin is too small. Can I get a bigger one?

It is evident that some households are using their general waste bins to dispose of garden waste, as a result Council made the decision to change to a three-bin system to alleviate this from occurring.

The smaller general waste bin should be adequate after the green waste and recyclables has been removed. If you struggle to reduce your general waste, contact the Shire Office, staff will be happy to provide tips on how to increase recycling and decrease overall waste production.

You could also consider getting a compost bin to help reduce the amount of food waste you need to put in your red 140L bin.

OPTIONS:

1. An additional bin service can be purchased as a second bin service for \$320 per annum, as per Councils fee schedule. This will entitle you to three new bins.
2. Households maybe able to retain their 240L general waste bin, subject to an application process (with extenuating circumstances will need to be demonstrated) before approval.

7. I don't need a garden waste bin. Can I opt out?

No, the garden waste bin will be rolled out to all residential properties.

8. Garden organics bin (lime green lid)

All organic waste grown in your garden can be placed in the green garden organics 240L bin:

Grass clippings

Weeds (including noxious)

Twigs and sticks

Pruning's, cuttings and trimmings

Palm fronds

Tree nuts.

The contents of this bin are sent to The Shire of Wagin Refuse Site to be processed.

NO FOOD WASTE

9. General waste bin (red lid)

The following items can be placed in the red 140L bin:

Non-recyclable general waste

Food scraps

Items contaminated with food, such as paper towels, serviettes, tissues, paper plates, pizza boxes and fish and chip paper

Pet excrement

Pet hair & fur

Nappies

Band-Aids

Soiled items

Shredded paper

Sanitary items

Cotton wool and cotton wool buds

Clothing that cannot be sent to charity.

The contents of this bin are sent to The Shire of Wagin Refuse Site to be deposited into Land Fill.

10. Recycling bin (yellow lid)

You can dispose of the following items in your yellow 240L recycling bin:

All clean hard-plastic tubs, bottles and containers

All clean glass bottles and jars

Steel and aluminium cans

Cardboard, paper, newspapers, magazines (not shredded)

Please rinse and empty containers. Remove lids. Do not bag items - place them directly in the bin.

The contents of this bin are sent to Great Southern Waste Recycling Site to be processed.

11. Items that should not be placed in bins

Some items should not be placed into either of your bins, including:

Batteries, mobile phones, printer cartridges and light bulbs can be dropped off at recycling hubs at the Wagin Community Resource Centre or Wagin Post Office.

Spray paint, chemicals, gas bottles, aerosol cans and other hazardous household waste can be taken to the Shire of Wagin Refuse Site to be handled by the attendant.