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## Keep your kitchen caddy and green bin smelling sweet

### Kitchen Caddy tips



1. **Empty your caddy** when full or every 2-3 days and rinse it after each use. For a more thorough clean you can use dish detergent or pop it in your dishwasher.
2. **Place dry materials** such as tissues, paper towel, paper serviettes, shredded paper, toilet paper rolls, brown paper bags and compostable food packaging in the kitchen caddy to soak up odour and moisture.
3. **Freeze seafood, meat and dairy** scraps until your collection day, then place them straight into your green bin the night before your collection.
4. **Sprinkle bi-carbonate** (baking) soda on top of food scraps.
5. **Use a ventilated caddy** lined with a breathable compostable BioBag or open the lid to allow for airflow.

### Green Bin tips

1. **Line your bin.** Line your bin to stop food sticking to the bottom of the bin. Use newspaper, shredded paper, cardboard (remove any plastic packaging tape first), pizza boxes, egg cartons, dry leaves, or garden clippings before you place food scraps in.
2. **Layer it – like a lasagne!** Alternate layers of lawn clippings, leaves, shredded paper and newspaper between the food scraps to reduce odours and moisture.
3. **Leave the lid open.** On warm sunny days, open the lid of your green bin to allow for aeration and drying of material.
4. **Put your green bin out for collection** every fortnight, even if it isn't full.
5. **Keep your green bin in the shade.**
6. **Don't overfill your bin,** make sure the lid is closed properly.
7. **Wash your bin out** from time to time using a high pressure hose and mild detergent.



## How to detract insects and rodents

Overripe, rotting or decayed fruit and vegetables can attract small vinegar flies and other insects to your kitchen caddy and green bin. In addition to the above, the following tips can further prevent insects and rodents from becoming a problem:

1. **Eat ripened fruit and vegetables promptly** or put them in the fridge until you can use them.
2. **Clean up any spills** or mess around your caddy or green waste bin.
3. **Wrap rotten food in newspaper or paper towel** and put it straight into your green bin or freeze in a separate container and put in your green bin the night before collection.
4. **Spray lavender or mint oil around the base of your kitchen caddy and green bin.** This will help to deter vinegar flies in your kitchen caddy as well as flies, rats and mice around your green bin.

