



the Living bin

Recycling Food Waste in the Victorian Alps



What is the Living Bin Program?

The Living Bin program is a food waste recovery project run by 4SITE Australia with the support of NevRwaste. This year, the major Alpine Resorts in North East Victoria (Falls Creek, Mt Buller/Mt Stirling, Mt Hotham and the village of Dinner Plain) will continue to separate, collect and turn their food waste into compost.

What are organics?

Organics is any matter that once was alive. Organic waste mainly includes: garden waste, food waste and paper/cardboard.

Isn't food waste just waste?

When food waste goes into landfill it releases harmful gases that contribute to climate change: which means no more snow! Food waste can be turned into useful products such as compost which improves soil condition and reduces the need for water by up to 30%. Over 50% of the waste tipped at landfill from the Alpine Resorts is food waste.

So where does it go and what happens to it?

The food waste (organics) is separated, collected, and then transported to a local processing facility, where it is turned into compost within 50 days.

What you CAN put in the ORGANIC WASTE bin:



✓ Food scraps



✓ Peels, fruit & vegies



✓ Meat, bones & shells



✓ Dairy products



✓ Citrus, egg shells & tea bags



✓ Paper: tissues, towels, plates & serviettes

All food scraps: leftovers & plate scrapings including unpackaged out-of date, spoiled or mouldy food, fruit & vegetables, rice & pasta, bread & cake, egg shells, paper: including towels, serviettes, tissues & paper plates, coffee grounds & tea bags, peels & rinds, meat & bones, onion & citrus, cooked food including sauces & dairy products, frozen & canned goods.

What you CAN'T put in the ORGANIC WASTE bin:

✗ No Plastics ✗ No Metal ✗ No Gladwrap ✗ No Foil

NO PLASTICS: This includes: glad wrap, plastic containers, plastic plates, condiment sachets, straws, rubber gloves, plastic cutlery.
NO METALS: This includes: foil & cans. NO BROKEN GLASS OR CROCKERY. NO NAPPIES

For more information about ORGANIC WASTE bins:

Go to your management resort office or contact your environment officer.

Alpine Shire/ Dinner Plain:

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Mt Buller/ Mt Stirling:

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Mt Hotham:

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To obtain extra bags or advice on pick up: Rob McDonald from 4SITE Australia Ph: 0407 411 417