

DISPEL THE SMELL

Tips for disposing of nappies & other hygiene products

Fact Sheet #2

When WE GO FOGO, people with an organics (green) bin kerbside collection service will change the way they sort their food waste. Instead of putting food waste in landfill (red) bins, this food can now go into organics (green) bins to be turned into high quality compost at the Merimbula Waste and Recycling Centre.

Also changing with FOGO are urban kerbside collection frequencies



Some products including nappies and other hygiene products can't be recycled or turned into high quality compost and must still be put into your landfill (red) bin.

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- Dispose of as much solid waste as possible before putting your nappy into the landfill (red) bin.
- Wrap dirty nappies tightly in a biodegradable nappy sack.
- Consider a specially-designed nappy bin which wraps the nappies as they are placed in the bin.
- Use smaller bags that can be closed tightly or double-wrapped before placing them in the bin. This will reduce the amount of air circulating around the dirty nappies and reduce the smell.
- Store your landfill (red) bin in the shade and out of direct sunlight.
- Make sure your landfill (red) bin lid closes properly and there are no cracks in sides (if they are please contact Council via the free Bega Valley Waste APP for a replacement bin).
- Place a small amount of an odour control agent in the bottom of your bin to repel flies and odours. You can use natural products such as vinegar, eucalyptus/mint oil or crystals.



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Consider other options

- To control odours in your bin, you may like to try commercial products such as the Vm Purefier odour control pads or Bin Bombs. Visit www.vm3purefier.com or www.binbombs.com.au
- There are now many modern nappy systems available that use either cloth or compostable inserts with a fitted cloth outer. Search 'cloth nappies' on the internet for stockists.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nappy Trial – Lake Macquarie City Council, 2014 - (100 Households)

- The average odour of a red landfill bin with nappy waste for a week was approximately the same as the average odour rating of a nappy bin at the end of a fortnight.
- The amount of nappies in the bin also did not have a significant effect on the odour rating of the bin.
- Wrapping soiled nappies in at least one plastic bag and keeping it out of the sun both help manage odours.

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