

The Living Bin program and waste separation at Falls Creek

Winter 2023

Successful source separated waste is important to reducing our
impact on the environment



Recycling and waste at Falls Creek



- There are currently 3 separate recycling and waste streams.
- Bags are colour-coded/labelled.
- Only bags supplied by FCAR can be used.
- The introduction of statewide changes to the recycling system will come into play over the season and coming decade.

ORGANIC WASTE
ORGANICS FOR COMPOSTING
The following items CAN be placed in this ORGANIC WASTE bin/supplied bag:

- ✓ Food scraps
- ✓ Peels, fruit & veggies
- ✓ Meat, bones & seafood shells
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Citrus, egg shells, tea bags & loose coffee grounds
- ✓ Paper: tissues, towels, plates & serviettes

The following items CAN NOT be placed in this bin/supplied bag:

- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Cling wrap
- ✗ Foil
- ✗ Food packaging
Do not place food containers or wrapping in this bin unless it is labelled as compostable

RECYCLING
RECYCLABLES FOR REPROCESSING
The following items CAN be placed in this RECYCLING bin/clear bag:

- ✓ Newspapers & magazines
- ✓ Steel cans & aerosols
- ✓ Paper & cardboard
- ✓ Aluminium & foil containers
- ✓ Rigid plastics
(Bottles and containers - rinsed with lids on)
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
(Empty and remove metal lids before recycling)

The following items CAN NOT be placed in this bin/clear bag:
Please only place recyclables in the bags supplied

- ✗ General waste/food
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Clothing/shoes
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Waxed boxes
- ✗ Drinking glasses/mirrors/windows
- ✗ Rope/wire
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic waste
- ✗ Crockery

Get to know your recycling by visiting www.recycling.vic.gov.au

GENERAL WASTE
WASTE TO LANDFILL
The following items CAN be placed in this GENERAL WASTE bin/red bag:

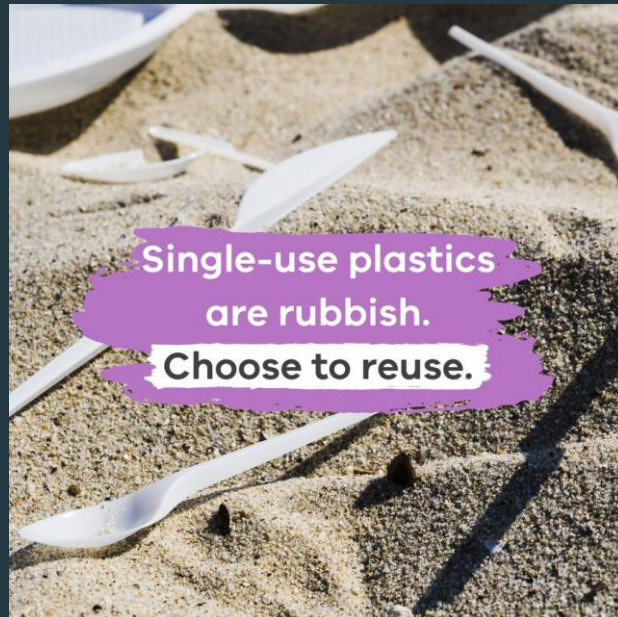
- ✓ Soft/flexible plastics
(Ultimately, individuals can collect soft plastics and drop off at local participating supermarkets)
- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Single-use items
- ✓ Waxed boxes
- ✓ Broken crockery & glass
(wrapped for safety)

The following items CAN NOT be placed in this bin/red bag:

- ✗ Recyclable containers
- ✗ Paper/cardboard
- ✗ Green waste/food waste
- ✗ Flammables
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electronic Waste
- ✗ Liquids: cooking or chemical

Single-use plastics ban

A statewide single-use plastics ban came into full effect in February 2023.



The ban includes:

- straws
- cutlery
- plates
- drink-stirrers
- polystyrene food and drink containers
- cotton buds

These items can no longer be supplied or distributed and must be disposed of in [general waste](#). You can contact FCAR if you need advice on sustainable alternatives.

What is the “Living Bin”?

The Living Bin program is a food waste recovery project, operating in all major Alpine Resorts in North East Victoria (Falls Creek, Mt Buller/Mt Stirling, Mt Hotham and the village of Dinner Plain). The Living Bin takes all kinds of organic waste. Organics is any matter that was once alive.



What goes in the Living Bin



Organic waste at Falls Creek mainly includes:

- Food waste/ scraps
- Meat, bones, seafood shells
- Tea bags
- Paper plates
- Paper towel
- Serviettes
- Tissues
- Approved compostable packaging

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✓ Meat, bones & seafood shells



✓ Dairy products



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Why?

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PROTECT OUR WINTERS



- When food waste goes into landfill it releases harmful gases that contribute to climate change.
- Food waste can be turned into useful products such as compost which improves soil condition and reduces the need for water

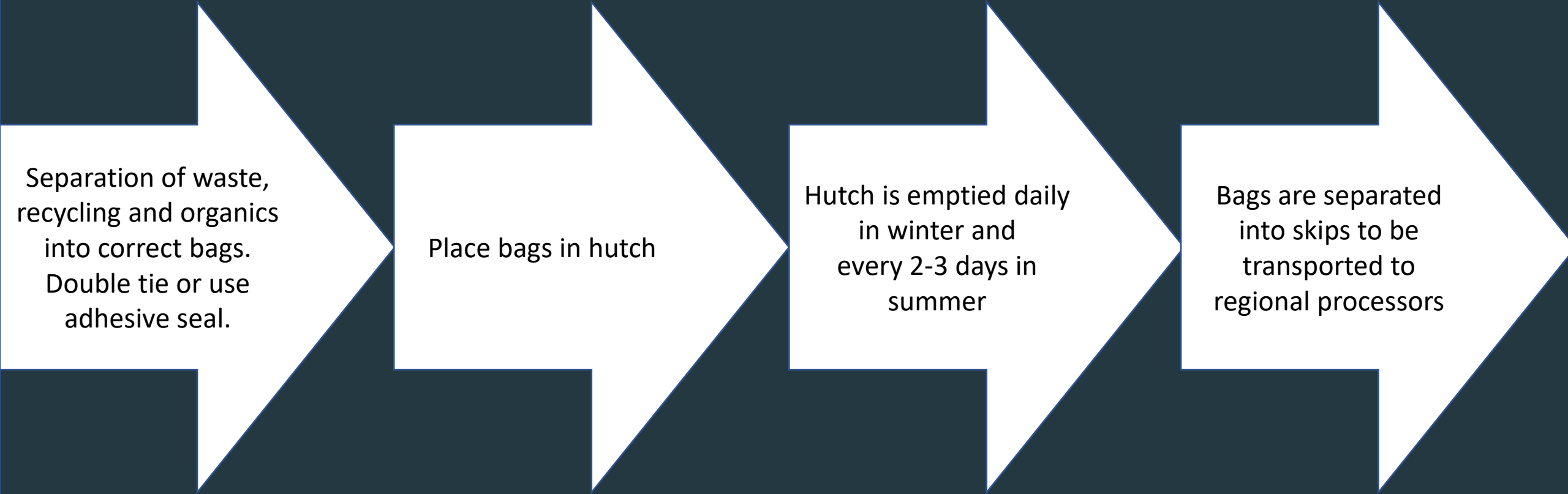


What happens to the waste?



We then transport the collected bags through the Village to our waste transfer station.

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What are my responsibilities?



As a Falls Creek RESIDENT:

Separation of all residential waste correctly using the bags provided. Place these into hutches and ensure any waste that cannot be put in the bags is disposed of appropriately.



As a BUSINESS OPERATOR:

Ensure correct separation and disposal of all waste produced by your business and implement appropriate measures to ensure that your guests, customers and employees can do the same.

Support and Resources



To support Residents and Business Operators to achieve these goals, the following resources are available free of charge from FCAR, and can be requested easily through an online form:

- Bin liners
- Organic waste bins
- Informative posters
- Fridge magnets
- Multilingual resources
- Digital staff training package
- [Resources can be ordered online via the link](#)



Bin Bags

All bin bags can be ordered for next-day delivery from 4SITE: call or text **0437 306 799**



You must only use the bags provided— this ensures the waste team can process them correctly and safely.



These bags have been chosen with our alpine environment in mind!

RED
General Waste

BLACK PRINT
Recycling

GREEN PRINT
Organics bucket 20L

GREEN PRINT
Organics bucket 7L

Living Bin Options

[Order forms can be found here](#)



20L Bucket



7L Benchtop Caddy



Stainless Steel Caddy
(available for purchase \$35)

Informative Posters



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the Living bin

Recycling Food Waste in the Victorian Alps

FROM THIS... **TO THIS**

What is the Living Bin Program?
The Living Bin program is a food waste recovery project that has been operating in the major Alpine Resorts in North East Victoria since 2010. The program aims to separate, collect and turn organic waste into compost. The Living Bin program is free to participate in and operates alongside the general waste and recycling collections at the resorts.

Isn't food waste just waste?
When food waste goes into landfill it releases methane, a harmful greenhouse gas, as it decomposes. Over 50% of the waste that would be sent to landfill from the Alpine Resorts is food waste. Collecting and reprocessing food waste reduces greenhouse gases that would otherwise contribute to climate change, while also creating useful compost that improves soil condition.

What are organics?
Organics is any matter that was once alive. Organic waste includes food waste, paper/cardboard and approved compostable packaging.

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. The compost can be mixed with soil to add nutrients and improve soil condition.

What you CAN put in the ORGANIC WASTE bin/supplied bag:
The Living Bin is for organic waste - this is any waste that once was living! All packaging and wrapping must be removed before something is put in the Living Bin because it will not turn into compost and contaminates the material collected.

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

What you CANNOT put in the ORGANIC WASTE bin/supplied bag:

- ✗ No Plastics
- ✗ No Metal
- ✗ No Cling Wrap
- ✗ No Foil

NO PLASTICS: This includes: cling 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, visit the Resort Management office or contact your environment officer.

Alpine Shire/ Dinner Plain: Sandra Light, ph: 03 5355 0519
Mt Buller/ Mt Stirling: Mt Buller/ Mt Stirling, ph: 03 5772 7211
Mt Hotham: Bev Lawrence, ph: 03 5397 3000
Falls Creek: Naomi Monk, ph: 03 5358 1200
45Site: ph: 0437 366 779

Chimes Plan, Mt Buller Mt Stirling, HOTHAM, FallsCreek

Poster are available in; A4, A3, digital format. Some version are also available in Hindi and Mandarin

Additional Posters



Did you know..

Did you know that paper towel is

Compostable?



Paper towel, which has **not** been used with chemicals such as cleaning products, can be processed along with other food and organic waste.

After drying hands, please place your paper towel in



the *Living* bin



What bin does my coffee go in?

What bin does my coffee cup go in?

With Covid-19 putting a hold on all our reusable coffee cups we need to make sure our takeaway cups go in the correct bin.

Does it matter?

Yes! Contamination in recycling is a huge problem that devalues the recycling collected. Plastic lined cups cannot go in the organics bin as they contaminate the end compost that is made.

<p>Only if your coffee cup and/or lid has this symbol or code AS4736 it can go in the organics bin</p>  <p>AS 4736 ABSA 1999</p>  <p>AS 5810 ABSA 1999</p>	<p>If the lid has this symbol it goes in the recycle bin</p> 	<p>If it has another symbol or no symbol then it must go in general waste</p> 
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Magnets are available

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The following items **CAN NOT** be placed in this bin:

- X Plastic
- X Metal
- X Glad wrap
- X Foil

X Foods still in packaging, containers or wrapping unless it is compostable.

Take Away Coffee Cups

Only if your coffee cup and/or lid has this symbol or code below can it go in this



Compostable
AS 4736

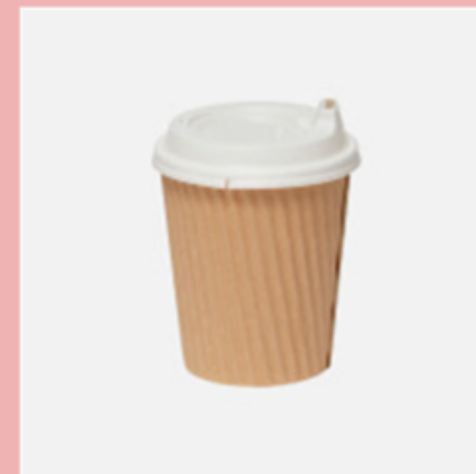


Home Compostable
AS 5810

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If it has another symbol or no symbol then it **must** go in **general waste**



Batteries and E-Waste



- Batteries and E-waste cannot be disposed of into our Waste Systems.
- Smaller items can be disposed of via our Battery and E-waste station located near FCAR Visitor and Information Centre.
- Larger items can be taken to the E-Waste shed at Howman's Gap Snow Clearing Area during announced scheduled times only.
- Facility opening times for Falls Creek Stakeholders/ Residents is from October- May on the last Sunday of the month from 12pm-4pm.



Hard Waste



- Hard waste is no longer collected throughout the Village. Please do not dispose of hard waste items in or next to hutches. Items will not be collected and can pose a safety risk the community and environment.
- Hard waste can be disposed of at Howmans Gap Snow Clearing Area during announced scheduled times only.
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Liquids

Oil, Fats, Chemicals



- Oils, fats and chemicals cannot not be disposed of down sinks or toilets. They can block our sewer system, cause damage to our waste treatment facility and pose a threat to our environment.
- Oils, fats and chemicals must be disposed in a sealed container and placed in the hutches for collection.
- Ensure all commercial grease traps are cleaned out on a regular basis.
- For more information, please visit our corporate website.



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Small acts make a big impact!



Together we make a positive impact on our unique environment and help make a climate resilient future!



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For more information please visit www.fallscreek.com.au/waste-management/