



HOW TO ASK YOUR LANDLORD FOR A FOOD AND GREEN WASTE BIN

Are you a renter in Stonnington who wants to order a food and green waste bin for your home?

You'll need to get permission - here is our handy guide to help you approach your landlord or real estate agent!

1. Let them know why you want a food and green waste bin. Try this:

In Stonnington, more than a quarter of the waste that goes to landfill is food waste, and a further 14% is green waste from the garden. But now, Council has a service that allows you to put food scraps into the food and green waste bin, where it will be taken away every fortnight and turned into compost for Victorian farms.

We would like to take part in this program because it would mean our food scraps are being used for good, and not going to landfill where they create greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Let your landlord/real estate agent know that they could save money by ordering a food and green waste bin and downsizing your garbage bin. Try this:

Did you know that garbage bins are the most expensive bins? And food and green waste bins are the cheapest? If we downsize our landfill bin from 240L to 120L, and instead get a 120L food and green waste bin, you'll save \$177 every year on rates!

3. If you have a garden at your rental property, and you intend on caring for it, let your landlord/real estate agent know that having this bin will help you to take better care of your garden. Try this:

As we also want to take care of the garden at our house, having a food and green waste bin will help us responsibly dispose of any garden waste like leaves and grass clippings. By supporting us in this way, you could also save money on garden maintenance costs.

4. If you would like to pay for the green bin yourself, you can offer this to your landlord. This may be especially useful if you already have the smallest sized garbage bin (120L), if you don't have a garden to maintain or if your landlord has already said no to purchasing a food and green waste bin on your behalf. Try this:

We are happy to cover the annual cost of \$133 for a 120L food and green waste bin. We are happy to pay this as a one off charge or by adding \$11.08 to our rental payments each month.

5. Let your landlord/real estate agent know that being able to participate in this program will make you happier in their property and that it is very important to you. Try this:

Living sustainably is very important to us and having a home where we are able to do this is a priority. I hope we can work together to make this possible.