



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

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Saving food waste from landfill. We're on it!

Waste is changing — and we're changing with it. Starting from Monday 26 July, green bins (food and garden waste) will be collected every week, and red bins (general waste) every two weeks.

With greater awareness of the impact our waste has on the environment, our community has been working to save food from landfill since May 2018. Now all Victorian councils are aiming to halve the volume of organic material going to landfill by 2030.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said Council's weekly green bin collection trial showed that when we collect food waste weekly, the amount of waste going to landfill decreases by 29 per cent.

"This helps keep landfill costs in check for our community. It also means less carbon emissions, helping make a cleaner Glen Eira," she said.

"So starting from Monday 26 July, we will be collecting green waste weekly, and general waste every second week. Yellow bins will still be collected every second week, alternating with the red bin for general waste."

"This means that every week our food and garden waste will be taken away to be composted — becoming nourishing compost for our gardens, parks and farms around Victoria."

Residents will soon receive a waste handbook with all the details they will need to adapt to the change. It tells you how to sort your waste and what to do if you need additional bin space. We've also included information for renters and those in apartment blocks.

Our friendly Council staff will be available to answer your questions and provide tips on reducing waste and disposing of food scraps at the following pop-up sessions:

- Sunday 20 June, 11am–2pm, Elsternwick Plaza;
- Saturday 17 July, 11am–2pm, Carnegie Library forecourt; and
- Saturday 24 July, 11am–2pm, Centre Road, Bentleigh (opposite the rotunda).

Visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/onit to find out about the pop-ups, or for further information about the changes.

If you have any concerns about the change, you can email recyclingandwaste@gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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