



DESEX YOUR PET MONTH

July is Desex Your Pet month - a perfect time of year to support a local vet and be a responsible pet owner!

Desex Your Pet month helps raise community awareness of the importance of limiting the numbers of unwanted animals and saves money for local pet owners.

Alpine Shire pet owners are encouraged to book their pet in for desexing to benefit from this important annual initiative.

We are proud to work with Alpine Animal Doctors and Ovens & Kiewa Veterinary Hospital again to support this national event.

The first 50 Alpine Shire residents (25 at each vet) to desex their cat or dog at either vet in July will receive a \$50 subsidy from Council.

Your pet must be registered with Alpine Shire Council to be eligible. To register your furry friend, please visit <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/residents/pets-and-animals/register-my-pet>

Book through your closest vet now:

- > Alpine Animal Doctors | 5756 2444
- > Ovens & Kiewa Veterinary Hospital | 5752 1235

FOOD ORGANICS, GARDEN ORGANICS KERBSIDE SERVICE

Many properties will have now received their new 240L green-lid Food Organics, Garden Organics bin, benchtop caddy, a one-year supply of caddy liners and an education pack. The new collection service model will commence from Monday, 3 July 2023 for all eligible properties. Do not place your FOGO bin out for collection prior to this time, as it will not be emptied.

Key changes that will take effect from Monday, 3 July include:

- FOGO kerbside collection will be weekly.
- General waste kerbside collection will move to the alternate fortnight to your recycling bin, for properties receiving the FOGO bin.

Your allocated collection day will remain the same.

Each week your green-lid FOGO bin will be out with either the yellow-lid recycling bin or the red-lid general waste bin. Your recycling bin will continue to be collected on the same fortnight, and your general waste bin will now be collected on the opposite fortnight.

To find out more, head to <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/residents/food-organics-garden-organics-kerbside-collection> or contact Customer Service (03) 5755 0555.

UPDATED WASTE SERVICES POLICY ADOPTED

Households with an excessive number of nappies or medical waste will be eligible for an upgrade from an 80-litre to a 240-litre general bin at no additional cost under Alpine Shire Council's updated Waste Services Policy.

Adopted at the May Ordinary Meeting, the Waste Services Policy is a brief document outlining provision of waste services by Council and the general responsibilities of occupiers and the public.

The updated policy includes adjustment of Council's Waste and Recycling Service in line with the State Government's Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, with the introduction of a kerbside Food Organics, Garden Organics collection service.

Council understands that the reduced frequency of waste bin collection associated with the new FOGO service might cause issues for households that generate unavoidable waste beyond the capacity of an 80-litre waste bin collected fortnightly.

Households can apply for a larger bin if there are two or more children in daytime nappies living in the household, or one or more members of the household have a Medical Condition which generates excess waste.

More information on how to apply for a larger general waste bin under the outlined circumstances, is available here: <https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/residents/waste-and-recycling/additional-support-waste-services>