

Composting dog poo bags trial

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A trial of compostable dog poo bags is being conducted to encourage dog owners to dispose of dog poo in green organics bins.

Compostable bags and green organics bins will be available at Bentley Reserve Dog Park in Holden Hill and Bicentennial Dog Park in Golden Grove from the end of October, and the trial ends in March 2020.

“Hundreds of dogs use these parks weekly. That’s a lot of poo and plastic that’s been going to waste,” said Council environmental sustainability coordinator Jon Herd.

Dog poo bag dispensers along the Linear Park River Torrens and at the entry to Anstey Hill Recreation Park will also be stocked with compostable bags.

“Using compostable bags in these locations will reduce the amount of single-use plastic ending up in the environment and landfill,” said Jon.

Dog owners can also help reduce the amount of organic material going to landfill by placing dog poo in their own green-organics bin at home. To prevent odours, either wrap the waste in newspaper or use a compostable bag.

Council will evaluate the trial in mid-2020.

The composting method used by Council contractors converts organic waste to nutrient-rich garden compost in about eight weeks using a bio-mediation heating system.

A special feature of the trial - The dog waste bins at these two dog parks were fitted with smart bin sensors that measures bin fill levels in real time, helping determine when the bins need to be emptied. This helps reduce associated bin collection costs such as truck fuel and personnel.

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Due to a successful six-month trial at the Bentley Dog Park and Golden Grove Dog Park in the Adelaide foothills in mid-2019, the Tea Tree Gully Council will permanently introduce compostable bags.

This is part of their effort to remove 94,000 plastic bags and 8 tonnes of waste from landfill each year. A council report says this will cost the council about \$760 a year.



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