Design a fourth bin

Student worksheet

Your household has a three-bin kerbside system: a lime green FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) bin, a yellow lid recycling bin, and a red lid general waste bin.



Contamination of these bins is a big problem. This happens when people place incorrect items into the bins, which results in the contents of the bins being sent to a landfill instead of the location where they would be repurposed. This has negative consequences for the environment.

Your task is to design a fourth bin to accompany the three-bin system at your home.

Think about items that you believe could be collected separately from one of the other bins to help better sort waste and reduce bin contamination.



Contamination - the result of making something dirty or ruined by adding items that are harmful or that do not belong.

Task one

Think of items that could be collected in a bin of their own. List them in the space below.



Task two

Design your bin – draw it in the space below. Think about the shape, size, and the colour of the lid, and give it a name!



Task three

Provide a summary of your new bin to submit to the City of Swan.

Placing one word in each box, the summary can only be 66 words (no more, no less!).

Things to write about: the name of your bin, what goes into the bin and why the bin is needed.