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## Trial of green waste extended

A recent trial of approximately 600 houses across Indigo, Wodonga and Towong Shires to divert organic waste from landfill and reduce greenhouse gas emissions has been extended.

The trial is run by Cleanaway, who is contracted by Indigo Shire Council to collect waste. It began at Easter and was due to run for 16 weeks, but has been extended and will now finish on Friday 11 November 2011.

Indigo Shire Council Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that the extension of the trial is a positive sign. "So far, the trial has seen a significant diversion of waste from landfill. During the trial people are encouraged to use their green bin for kitchen waste such as meat and food scraps. The green bin is collected weekly, rather than fortnightly, and the waste is then turned into nutrient-rich compost," Cr Pockley said.

"The trial aims to emphasise organics waste disposal. Approximately 50% of all waste in the general rubbish bin is organic and could be managed so that it does not find itself in landfill," Cr Pockley said.

During the trial, organic waste is collected weekly and general waste and recycling is collected fortnightly. At the end of the trial, households involved will be asked to complete a survey to give feedback to help Council and Cleanaway with waste management in the future.

For more information or feedback, please contact the Cleanaway office in Wodonga at any stage of the trial on 02 6024 4590 or email [Wodonga@cleanaway.com.au](mailto:Wodonga@cleanaway.com.au) .

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