

D. Audit results for general waste bin composition

Bin audits involve examining and sorting the contents of bins to understand and categorise the types of materials being discarded. This table summarises audit data for the general waste (red lid) bin for the 3 selected councils. It is difficult to compare results across councils due to differences in the approach, timing, and frequency of the waste audits.

Figure D1
General waste (red lid) bin audit data for 3 councils between 2020 and 2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023		2024			
Brisbane City Council									
Food organic waste	24.0%	29.3%	26.0%	22.7%		25.9%			
Garden organic waste	29.0%	23.1%	18.0%	26.1%		22.6%			
Other waste types	47.0%	47.6%	56.0%	51.2%		51.5%			
Sunshine Coast Council									
Food organic waste	34.2%	31.3%	No audit	32.3%		No audit			
Garden organic waste	14.8%	7.6%		5.0%					
Other waste types	51.0%	61.1%		62.7%					
Council of the City of Gold Coast				January	April	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Food organic waste	No audit	20.8%	22.0%	23.0%	19.1%	19.9%	21.4%	25.2%	27.3%
Garden organic waste		27.1%	13.2%	21.0%	16.3%	18.6%	15.7%	8.4%	14.5%
Other waste types		52.1%	64.8%	56.0%	64.6%	61.5%	62.9%	66.4%	58.2%

Source: Compiled by Queensland Audit Office, using bin audit reports from Brisbane City Council, Sunshine Coast Council and Council of the City of Gold Coast.