

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What if I don't produce any food waste?

Remember there is no amount too small. Some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled in your food waste caddy.

Will the food in my bin smell?

Not if you empty your kitchen caddy regularly into the outdoor food waste bin and tie up the bags. Your bin is collected weekly so has less time to smell.

What about pests and foxes?

You can lock the larger outside food waste bin to keep foxes and other animals out by moving the handle to the forward position. We also advise putting bins out shortly before collection to reduce the risks of animals getting in.

Will there be an increase to council tax?

This new service is part of the government's national Simpler Recycling initiative and as such will be fully funded by central government. No increase is planned to council tax to pay for this service.



Top tip

- ✓ Write your house number on your outdoor caddy to ensure your bin doesn't get mixed up with your neighbours.
- ✓ For tips and recipes to help you waste less food and save money, visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)



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Your guide to recycling food waste at home

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YOUR NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

Depending on where you live in the town, the new service will start from 31 March 2026. We will collect your food waste every week on the same day as your normal waste and recycling collections.

All you will need to do is empty any food waste you have, such as plate scrapings, peelings and tea bags into the new kitchen caddy.

When your kitchen caddy is full, simply empty it into your outdoor food waste caddy by 6am for collection.

You have been provided with:

Kitchen caddy (5 litres suitable for inside a cupboard, on the worktop or next to your existing kitchen bin)



An outdoor food waste caddy (23 litres, much smaller than a normal bin, with a lockable handle to prevent spills, smells and pests)



Store your food waste caddies until collections start from 31 March

Keep your kitchen caddy clean

You can use any type of bag to line your caddy. Alternatively, you can line your caddy with newspaper, paper towels or kitchen roll.

REASONS TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE

By recycling food waste, we can turn it into valuable resources like renewable energy and fertiliser for crops.

- ✓ Your black rubbish bin will be cleaner and less smelly
- ✓ This addition to your recycling service gives you the opportunity to recycle more of your waste
- ✓ Your weekly food collection will be easy and convenient







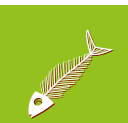

Did you know...



A small caddy full of food waste generates enough electricity to watch a football match on television.

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO RECYCLE?

You will be able to recycle all your food waste, including:

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|  food waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings |  dairy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dairy products ✓ Cheese ✓ Eggs |  bread & pastries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bread ✓ Cakes ✓ Pastries |
|  meat & bones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Raw meat ✓ Cooked meat ✓ Small bones |  tea & coffee grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tea bags ✓ Coffee grounds |  fruit & vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Raw vegetables ✓ Cooked vegetables ✓ Whole fruit ✓ Peelings |
|  fish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fish ✓ Cooked fish ✓ Small bones |  rice, pasta & beans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rice ✓ Pasta ✓ Beans | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging</p> </div> |

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✗ Large bones
- ✗ Packaging
- ✗ Liquid, oil, or liquid fat

