

Your guide to recycling food waste

Coming
soon

for flats



YOUR NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The new service will start between September 2026 and March 2027, depending on where you live in the town. The delivery team will confirm your exact start date when they deliver your caddy.

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, empty it into the food waste recycling bin provided in your bin storage area.

You have been provided with:

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



Store your food waste caddy until collections start

Keep your kitchen caddy clean

You can use any type of clear 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

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO RECYCLE?

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



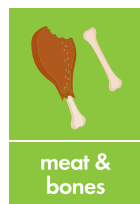
- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs



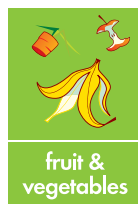
- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



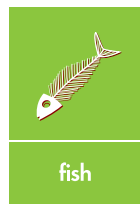
- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Small bones



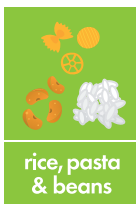
- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



- ✓ Raw vegetables
- ✓ Cooked vegetables
- ✓ Whole fruit
- ✓ Peelings



- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Cooked fish
- ✓ Small bones



- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Beans

Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

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



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. The communal bin is collected weekly so has less time to smell.

What about pests and foxes?

The communal food waste bins are designed to be difficult for pests to access, but please remember to close the lid after emptying your food waste to help keep pests out.

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

- ✓ For tips and recipes to help you waste less food and save money, visit **lovefoodhatewaste.com**



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