**Food and Garden Waste Recycling**

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Recycling your food waste has never been easier.

Please recycle all your food waste using the brown bin service.

1. Line your kitchen caddy with a compostable liner and put your food waste in it.
2. Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the liner and put it into your brown bin.

Your bin should be left out by 7.00 am on the collection day.

Top Tip 1 Should you run out of liners you can use kitchen roll to line your caddy or put your food waste in loose.

Top Tip 2 If you would rather use your own indoor container that’s fine – do whatever works for you.

**Food for thought**

Remember there is no amount too small. The best thing we can do with our food is enjoy it but some waste like bananas skins, tea bags, egg shells and plate scrapings are unavoidable.

**Yes please -** remember you can recycle the following in your food caddy:-

* All uneaten food and plate scrapings
* Mouldy or out of date food including ready meals removed from their packaging
* Cooked and uncooked meat, fish and vegetables
* Eggs and egg shells

For practical advice on how to reduce food waste and save money visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

**No thanks –** please do not put these items in your food caddy:-

* No plastic packaging
* No oil or liquid fat
* No liquids, for example milk
* No plastic bags

**Frequently asked questions**

Question 1 How much food waste is typically generated at home?

Answer 1 Over a third of waste in the average black bin is food waste. This can, in some cases, cost a household up to £500 every year.

Question 2 Why should I use this service?

Answer 2 Once you start recycling, you may find you produce more food waste than you thought. Left overs, waste from preparing food and out of date food can all be recycled. Also, food waste should no longer be deposited in your black bin.

Question 3 What are the benefits of recycling food?

Answer 3 Recycling food is good for the environment as it can be made into compost. Food waste that is buried in landfill rots and releases methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. Also, landfilling food waste is twice as expensive as recycling it.

Question 4 What happens if I run out of food caddy liners?

Answer 4 You will initially receive three rolls of compostable liners with your food recycling caddy. Once these have been used you get further rolls free of charge from your local household recycling centre or depot. Alternatively, you can use kitchen roll to line your caddy or put food waste in loose.

You can recycle organic food and garden waste in your brown bin all year round.

**Garden waste recycling**

After recycling all your food waste, any spare capacity in your brown bin can be used to recycle organic garden waste.

**Yes please** – put the following in your brown bin

* Garden waste
* Grass
* Leaves
* Cuttings, prunings and flowers
* Shrubs and weeds
* Twigs and branches

**No thanks** – please do not put in your brown bin

* No soil and sods
* No hardcore and rubble
* No general household waste

**What happens to my food and garden waste?**

Food and garden waste collected through the brown bin service is recycled into compost using in-vessel composting techniques as detailed below.

1. Food and garden waste taken to in-vessel composting facility
2. Contents of bins are shredded
3. The waste is broken down in an enclosed vessel with oxygen
4. It is then laid into piles to continue breaking down
5. The material is screened to remove any large clumps
6. Nutrient rich compost is then produced
7. The compost will be used to help grow plants

All your food and garden waste is recycled into compost.

If you already compost at home please keep composting your uncooked vegetable and fruit peelings in your compost bin or heap.