Food Waste Recycling Trial

Your New Food Waste Collection Service

Why are we making changes?

We are making changes to the way your food waste is collected so that you can recycle more and we can process it in a more environmentally acceptable way.

You should have received two new bins:

1. Outside collection bin
2. Food caddy

If you have not received these bins please call: 020 8274 4902

Your actions will help to cut down the amount of food waste that ends up in landfills. Rotting food in landfill generates methane - a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

What happens to your food waste?

Once we have collected your food waste, it is taken to a special processing plant where it is treated in an enclosed vessel. As the food breaks down, the temperature is carefully controlled to ensure that the finished product is completely sterile. The end product will be used for horticultural purposes and for restoration of landfill and industrial sites.

How do I use my food caddy?

1. Line your caddy with a corn starch liner and fill it with food waste.
2. When it is full tie the liner and put it in your bigger outside food bin.
3. To help stop pests lock the outside bin by moving the handle forward.

What can I put in my caddy?

You can put any raw or cooked food in your caddy. You can even scrape uneaten food straight into your caddy.

✓ Meat and fish – raw and cooked including bones.
✓ All dairy products such as eggs and cheese.
✓ Raw and cooked vegetables and fruit.
✓ Bread, cakes and pastries.
✓ Rice, pasta and beans.
✓ Uneaten food from your plates and dishes.
✓ Tea and coffee grounds.

No Thanks

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy:

X Packaging of any sort
X Plastic bags
X Liquids
X Oil or liquid fat.

If you already compost at home please keep composting your uncooked vegetable and fruit packings in your compost bin or heap. For more information on how to start composting at home see the offer overleaf.

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Food waste

Instructions inside!
4 Collections

We will collect your food waste every week on the same day as your normal refuse collection.

Please put your outside food bin, with the handle in the locked position, at the edge of your property or at the back of the footpath – with your refuse bin.

5 Tips for recycling your food waste

- Your food waste collection day is: Thursday
- Make sure your bin is out by 6.00 am
- Put your house name or number on your outside food waste bin so we know where to return it to and so it doesn’t get lost.
- Keep your food waste caddy and bin clean by tying your corn starch liners when they are full.
- Keep your corn starch liners clean by rinsing with water or wiping with kitchen towel.
- Keep your food waste bin out by 6.00 am on your collection day and can be seen clearly.

6 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why are we doing this?
A: Approximately 20% of the waste in an average household bin is food waste. When it decomposes in a landfill site it produces methane, which causes global warming.

Q: Will the food in my bin smell?
A: No, the corn starch liners decompose, plastic bags don’t. If you run out of corn starch liners, leave a note for our collection staff asking for more and use a sheet of newspaper to line your caddy temporarily.

Q: I don’t have time to do this – why should I have to?
A: It is important to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill as it generates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. It’s easy, all you need to do is follow the instructions in this leaflet.

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7 Home Composting

Composting at home is an easy way to transform garden and kitchen waste into a healthy soil improver for your plants and shrubs. By simply adding things like grass clippings, plant prunings, used teabags and fruit and vegetable peelings to your bin, you can, over time, enjoy a more beautiful garden.

Using compost on your garden will improve the quality and structure of your soil and will help you to grow flowering bulbs, healthy plants, and tasty fruits and vegetables. Composting is easy to do, and costs next to nothing to get started.

COMPOST BINS FROM ONLY £8

You can either start your own compost heap or buy a low cost compost bin by calling 0845 077 0757 (quoting FWT07). We have a choice of bins starting at £8 delivered to your door.

Find out more information about composting at home by visiting www.recyclenow.com/compost