

REASONS TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE



Your food waste will be turned into something useful. When you use your food waste recycling it will be taken to a special processing plant in London Colney where it is used to generate electricity to power homes and the local community. It also produces a fertiliser which is used by local farms.



- ✓ Your household bin will be cleaner and less full if you recycle your food waste.
- ✓ Recycling food waste reduces the amount of harmful greenhouse gases released and helps tackle climate change.
- ✓ Your food waste will be used to generate electricity to power local homes and produce fertiliser for local farms.

For tips to help you waste less food and save money, visit hertfordshire.gov.uk/worthsaving

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FOOD RECYCLING COLLECTION Starts April

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YOUR NEW FREE, WEEKLY FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

We're making changes to the way your food waste is collected so that we can all recycle better.

In April your new free, weekly food waste collection will start. To make our rounds more efficient **you may see a change to your collection day**. Please see your collection calendar, which was delivered in your new silver food bin, along with this leaflet and an initial complimentary roll of liners.

All you will need to do is empty any food waste you have, such as plate scrapings, peelings and tea bags into the new silver food waste bin. Food waste will be collected every week on the same day as your other waste and recycling collections.

RECYCLING YOUR FOOD WASTE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

Many people use a kitchen caddy for their food waste. These are available, free of charge, from centres across the borough - find your nearest site: hertsmere.gov.uk/foodwaste



- 1 Use the liners provided or reuse a plastic bag to line your kitchen caddy - the only thing you can't use is a black bag.



- 2 Once full, empty the contents of the kitchen caddy directly into your silver food bin. Alternatively, tie the liner and place it in your silver bin.



Top tip

You can use your own container, like a biscuit tin or ice cream tub - do whatever works for you.

Top tip

You can reuse a plastic bag, such as a bread bag, salad bag or cereal bag.

Please put your food recycling out for collection by 6am every week on your collection day.

We all get recycling. Now let's get it right.

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO RECYCLE?

You can recycle all your food waste, including the following:

 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 ✓ 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 ✓ Bones 	 rice pasta & beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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

- ✗ Packaging of any kind - except plastic bags used as a liner
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste

By recycling your food waste correctly you will help cut down the amount of food waste that ends up in landfill. Food waste sent to landfill doesn't harmlessly break down. It has a big impact on the environment as it rots and releases methane – a harmful greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.