

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING IN FLATS

How to use
your new
service

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WHY ARE WE MAKING CHANGES?

Buckinghamshire Council is improving waste services for residents. New Government legislation requires the council to provide all households with a separate weekly collection of food waste by 31 March 2026.

You should have received the following:



Kitchen caddy



Food waste liners
(One roll of 52 bags provided)

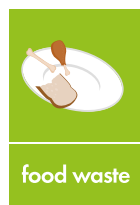
What happens to your food waste once collected?

Food waste collected across Buckinghamshire is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility. Here, it is broken down to produce both a biogas which is turned into energy to power our homes, and a nutrient-rich substance used as a high quality fertiliser for use on agricultural land.

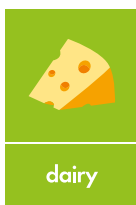
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WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CADDY?

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



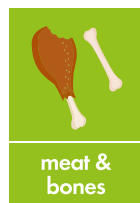
- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs



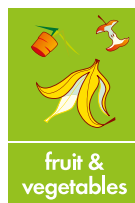
- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



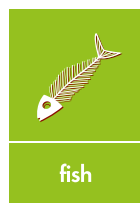
- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Bones



- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



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



- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Cooked fish
- ✓ 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Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging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

- ✗ Packaging of any kind
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste



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RECYCLING YOUR FOOD WASTE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

We will provide a convenient weekly food waste recycling service.

- 1 Most people line their kitchen caddy with a plastic bag or the liners provided then put their food waste in it.



Top tip

You can use any plastic bag or liner ie bread bags, pedal bin liners but no black bags. These bags are removed during the recycling process.

- 2 Whenever you need to empty your kitchen caddy, carry it by the handle to the bin store, remove the liner, tie the top and place into the brown food bin.



Top tip

Place kitchen roll in the bottom of the food caddy to collect any residue.

- 3 Place all food waste contained in liners into the brown food bin. This bin will be emptied by our crews weekly.



4 COLLECTIONS

The brown food bin will be collected the same day each week.

Check your collection day:

[buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-day](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-day)

To report that your food bin hasn't been emptied, visit: **[buckinghamshire.gov.uk/missed-bin](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/missed-bin)**



YOUR FOOD WASTE RECYCLING BIN WILL BE EMPTIED EVERY WEEK

Scan this code for more information
about food waste recycling and what
happens to your food waste.
[buckinghamshire.gov.uk/food-waste](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/food-waste)



If you have any queries about this new
collection please contact us:

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5 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What if I don't produce any food waste?

Remember there is no amount too small. The best thing we can do with our food is enjoy it but some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

Why can't I put food in my normal bin?

Removing food from general waste saves money to spend on other council services for Buckinghamshire residents. We also use it for generating electricity to power homes while reducing CO₂ emissions.

I don't have space for the caddy, what should I do?

A lot of people find that keeping it under the sink, next to the kitchen bin or on the work top is practical. And remember you can use your own container if you prefer something more stylish or it fits better in your kitchen.

Will the food in my bin smell?

Emptying your kitchen caddy regularly into the brown food bin and using caddy liners/plastic bags will prevent smells. Your communal brown food bin also has a small opening with a lid designed to reduce escaping smells and stop vermin getting in. This bin is emptied weekly.



Will I be receiving more food waste liners after I use up my roll?

No, we are providing one roll of 52 liners to every household, which is a year's supply of one bag a week. You can order more at a discounted rate on recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk or use any bag or liner for your caddy.

For further information about food waste recycling, visit: **buckinghamshire.gov.uk/food-waste**