Food and Garden Waste Collections

A guide to using your service

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Your Food and Garden Waste Collections

We have changed the way your food and garden waste is collected so that you can recycle more and we can process it in an environmentally sustainable way. Depending on where you live, you will have a silver kitchen caddy and either a green wheeled bin, or a smaller lockable bin. This leaflet details how to use the service and what can be added to your bin.

How to use your Caddy

To avoid unnecessary trips to your green bin, we have provided you with a caddy for use in your kitchen. It's convenient and easy to use and can be emptied daily into your green bin or whenever it's full.

1. Line your caddy with newspaper or paper liner
2. Add your raw and cooked food
3. Wrap large items separately
4. When full, empty into your green bin

Please do not leave your caddy out for collection, the crew will not empty it.

How to use your Green Bin

Use your green bin to collect all your garden waste and to empty your kitchen caddy into. You can recycle any garden waste including branches up to 15 cm (6 inches) in diameter.

1. Place all compostable garden waste in green bin
2. Add all of your food waste
3. Place on your boundary by 7am on your normal collection day

Top tips for Food and Garden Waste Recycling

• Ensure that your bin is out for collection by 7am; your green bin will be collected at a different time to the rest of your waste and recycling.
• Do not put your caddy out for collection by our crews, only your green bin
• Line your caddy with newspaper or paper liners to minimise the need for cleaning
• Put your house number on your bin to ensure it is returned correctly
• Do not use corn starch or biodegradable plastic bags to line your caddy, these do not break down quickly and will not be collected by our crews

A full list of what can be added is over the page
What to put in your caddy and your bin

Please add the following to your caddy:

- Meat & bones
- Fish
- Bread & pastries
- Dairy
- Fruit and vegetables
- Tea bags, loose tea & coffee
- Paper and card soiled with food
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- Dead plants and flowers
- Saw dust
- Bark
- Contents of silver caddy
- Grass
- Weeds
- Leaves
- Small branches*
- Hay

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