

4 Why are we doing this?

Food waste that is put into general rubbish often ends up in landfill, where it rots and releases methane - a harmful greenhouse gas.

When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste is taken to an Anaerobic Digestion processing facility which captures the methane and turns it into energy. The process also produces a fertiliser which can be used in farming.

Your
FOOD WASTE
is recycled into
ENERGY
to power your
homes



good to know Half a caddy of recycled food waste would power the toaster for 4 slices of bread!

good to know 6 recycled tea bags could produce enough electricity to boil a kettle for another cuppa.

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, orange peels, tea bags are inevitable and these can all be recycled.



Can I compost at home instead?

Yes you can but you can always use your food waste caddy to recycle any food waste that you aren't able to compost at home.


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

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

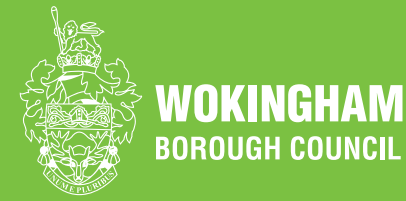
Will the food in my bin smell?

Not if you empty your food waste caddy regularly and tie up the liners. Your outdoor food waste bin has a sealable and lockable lid which will reduce smell as well as prevent pests raiding blue rubbish bags and causing litter.



 Wokingham Borough recycles

If you have any queries about food waste collection please visit www.wokingham.gov.uk (search for 'food waste').



1 Welcome to your new food waste recycling service

We are introducing collection of food waste so that you can recycle more and help protect the environment.

You should have received the following:



Food waste caddy (5 litre)



Liners



Outdoor food waste bin (23 litre)

If you have not received these please visit www.wokingham.gov.uk (search for 'food waste') to check your nearest collection point.

2 What can I put in my caddy?

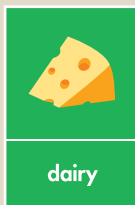
You can recycle all your food waste, including the following:

Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food (including ready meals) removed from their packaging.



food waste

- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings
- ✓ Leftover pet food



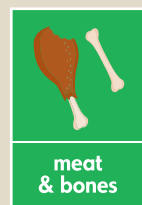
dairy

- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Yoghurts



bread & pastries

- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



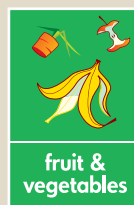
meat & bones

- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Bones



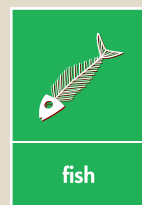
tea & coffee grounds

- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



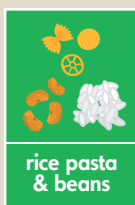
fruit & vegetables

- ✓ Raw vegetables
- ✓ Cooked vegetables
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Peelings



fish

- ✓ Raw fish
- ✓ Cooked fish
- ✓ Bones



rice pasta & beans

- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Beans



cooking oils

- ✓ Pour your oil into a plastic bottle, seal it and place inside your outdoor food waste bin

3 Recycling your food waste is quick and easy

1. Line your food waste caddy with one of the liners provided and put your food waste in it.



Top tip Remember to not let your food waste caddy get too full before emptying it.

2. Whenever you need to empty your food waste caddy, tie the liner and put it in your outdoor food waste bin.



3. Remember your outdoor food waste bin come with a lockable handle. Please put your food waste bin out for collection by 6.30 a.m. every week on your normal collection day.



Collections

Your food waste collections happens every week on the same day as your normal waste and recycling collections.

Please put your outdoor food waste bin with the handle in the locked position - at the edge of your property with your recycling box and blue bag by 6.30 a.m.

Please place your blue bag on top of your recycling box to minimise a chance of your paper and card getting wet.



Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✗ Packaging of any kind
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Garden waste

Top tip Use our app 're3cyclopedia' to check for recyclable items.

Need more Liners?

Once you have used your supply of liners, you can get more free of charge from the Council Offices and Wokingham Borough's public libraries.

Top tip You can use newspapers or any plastic bags such as bread bags to line your food waste caddy.

Your recycling will really make a difference – thanks!

