# REASONS TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE

When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion plant where it is used to generate natural forms of energy, such as biogas, an excellent alternative to fossil fuels and a fertiliser/soil conditioner which can be used in farming.

- Your household bin will be cleaner and less full if you recycle your food waste.
- This new weekly addition to your recycling service gives you the opportunity to recycle more of your waste.
- ✓ Your collection will be easy and convenient.

### Top tips

- Buy house number labels for this bin now to ensure your bin doesn't get mixed up with your neighbours (these are widely available from local shops or online retailers)
- Sign up to our news letters to receive information on this new service direct to your mail box. This will include details of when caddies will be delivered and the date your collections will begin. Scan the QR code or go to www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/emailupdates



- The caddy has a QR code on the front. Using this will make it much quicker and easier for you to report issues with your waste collections to the council and provides further information on what can and cannot be recycled.
- For tips and recipes to help you waste less food and save money, visit lovefoodhatewaste.com

If you have any queries about this new collection please visit: www.hinckley bosworth.gov.uk/foodwaste
Contact us at www.hinckley bosworth.gov.uk/wasteQ
Alternatively you can scan the QR code opposite.











# YOUR NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

From March 2026 we will be introducing a new weekly food waste recycling collection. We will be delivering two new containers to your home together with instructions on how to use them.

All you will need to do is empty any food waste you have, such as plate scrapings, peelings and tea bags into the new kitchen caddy. When your kitchen caddy is full, empty it into your new outside food waste recycling bin ready for collection.

This new service is statutory under the Environment Act 2021 and as such will be fully funded by central government. No increase is planned to council tax to pay for this service

By recycling your food waste, you will help cut down the amount of waste that ends up in landfill or other disposal sites. Food waste that is sent to landfill doesn t harmlessly breakdown. 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.

#### Start of the service

Depending on where you live in the Borough the new service will start in March 2026 and we will collect your food waste weekly on the same day as we collect your other waste and recycling. We will deliver your caddies up to two weeks before we make the first food waste collection.

## What we will provide:



Full instructions and guidance on how to use this new service



Kitchen caddy (7 litres suitable for inside a cupboard or on the work top)



A starter pack of compostable liners to line the caddy.



An outside recycling bin (23 litres, much smaller than a normal bin, with a lockable handle to prevent spills, smells and pests)

We will deliver these items to you - you don't need to do anything. For flats we will provide shared wheeled bins

### WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO RECYCLE?

You will be able to recycle all your food waste, including:



✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



dairy

**✓** Dairy products

✓ Cheese

**✓** Eggs



- Bread
- Cakes
- Pastries

✓ Raw meat



✓ Tea bags



Raw vegetables



Cooked meat



Coffee grounds



vegetables ✓ Whole fruit

✓ Cooked

- bones
- ✓ Bones
- tea & coffee grounds
- Rice



✓ Peelings



Fish Cooked fish



& beans

✓ Pasta



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

