

## 1 WHY ARE WE MAKING CHANGES?

The government has mandated that all households receive a separate food waste collection by April 2026, and they are funding this new 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.

### You should have received the following:



Kitchen caddy  
(you can use your own container if this is unsuitable for your needs)



Starter roll of  
compostable liners



Outside food waste  
recycling bin

If you have not received these please scan the QR code on the back

visit: [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/foodwaste)

or call: 01455 238141

## What happens to your food waste once collected?

When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion site 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.

## 2 WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CADDY?

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

food waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings</li></ul>	dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Dairy products</li><li>✓ Cakes</li><li>✓ Cheese</li><li>✓ Eggs</li></ul>	bread & pastries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Bread</li><li>✓ Cakes</li><li>✓ Pastries</li></ul>
meat & bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Raw meat</li><li>✓ Cooked meat</li><li>✓ Bones</li></ul>	tea & coffee grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Tea bags</li><li>✓ Coffee grounds</li></ul>	fruit & vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Raw vegetables</li><li>✓ Cooked vegetables</li><li>✓ Whole fruit</li><li>✓ Peelings</li></ul>
fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Fish</li><li>✓ Cooked fish</li><li>✓ Bones</li></ul>	rice, pasta & beans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Rice</li><li>✓ Pasta</li><li>✓ Beans</li></ul>	<p>Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging</p>	



## Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

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

## 3 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

Tear liners carefully off the roll to avoid splits and keep the lid closed to avoid smells and flies. Use your own liners and container in your kitchen, if the one supplied is unsuitable.

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



### Top tip

Remember to not let your caddy get too full before emptying it. Tying the liner will reduce mess in your food waste bin.

- 3 Remember your food recycling bins come with a lockable handle. Always keep the outdoor bin lid locked to prevent spills and pests



### Top tip

The handles may need a little pressure to get them to align but they are easy once you get the hang of them. On windy days keep your bin between your larger wheeled bins to stop it blowing away.

## 4 COLLECTIONS

We will collect your food waste every week on the same day as your normal waste and recycling collections.

You can check bin collection dates and times at [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/waste](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/waste)

Please put your outside food waste recycling bin with the handle in the locked position at the edge of your property with your other waste or recycling.



**YOUR FOOD WASTE  
COLLECTION DAY IS  
THE SAME AS  
YOUR OTHER COLLECTION  
DAYS MAKE SURE YOUR  
BIN IS OUT BY 7AM**



### Top tips

Ensure your bin can be seen by the collection teams, add your house number to the bin, and ensure you take your bin back to your property after collection.

## 5 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What if I don't produce any food waste or I compost at home?



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. Home composting is great but cooked food and bones can't normally be composted and can attract vermin to compost bins.

### I don't have time to do this - why should I?

It's easy, all you need to do is follow the instructions in this leaflet. It's important to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill or other disposal sites. Food waste that is sent to landfill rots and releases methane – a harmful greenhouse gas

### 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?



Not if you empty your kitchen caddy regularly into the outside food waste recycling bin and tie up the liners. Your outdoor bin has a sealable and lockable lid which will stop smells and vermin getting in.

If you have any queries about this new collection please visit: [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/wasteQ](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/wasteQ) or call: 01455 238141

Alternatively scan the QR code to the front of your caddies or opposite to report problems, missed collections, check your collection day or find out more about our waste collection services visit [www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/waste](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/waste)



How to use your new service

# FOOD WASTE RECYCLING



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