

# Food Waste Recycling

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inside!

**Your New Food Waste Collection Service**



 don't delay recycle today

  
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# Why are we making changes?

We are changing your brown bin service to include food waste. This will help you to recycle more from your home and help to meet landfill diversion targets.



Your brown bin will continue to be collected as normal.

## You should have received:



**1.** Food caddy



**2.** Roll of liners

If you have not received these bins please call:

**☎ 028 9034 0056/57**

## What happens to your garden & food waste?

Once we have emptied your brown bin, the contents are taken to a dedicated processing plant where it is specially treated and turned into compost.

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## How do I use my food caddy?



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Line your caddy with a biodegradable bag and fill it with food waste.



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When it is full, tie the bag and put it in your brown bin.

Store your caddy in a convenient location, for example, under the kitchen sink!

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## What can I put in my caddy?

You can put any raw or cooked food in your caddy.  
You can even scrape uneaten food straight into your caddy.

- ✓ Meat and fish – raw and cooked including bones.
- ✓ All dairy products such as eggs and cheese.
- ✓ Raw and cooked vegetables and fruit.
- ✓ Bread, cakes and pastries.
- ✓ Rice, pasta and beans.
- ✓ Uneaten food from your plates and dishes.
- ✓ Tea and coffee grounds.



food waste



garden waste



Remember your brown bin can still be used to recycle garden waste.

### No Thanks

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

- ✗ Packaging of any sort.
- ✗ Plastic bags.
- ✗ Liquids.
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat.

IF IN DOUBT  
PHONE AND  
FIND OUT

Tel 028 9034 0056/57

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## Tips for recycling food waste



Make sure your brown bin is out for collection by 7.00am on your collection day and can be seen clearly.



Keep your food waste caddy and bin clean by tying your biodegradable bags when they are full.



Newtownabbey Borough Council will be providing the bags. We will be delivering bags every few months to ensure you have a steady supply. However if you require extra please contact us on the number below.



Keep your caddy clean by rinsing with water or wiping with kitchen towel.



For further information

**028 9034 0056/57**

[www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/foodwaste)

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q** Why are we doing this?

**A** Approximately 20% of the waste in an average household bin is food waste. When it decomposes in a landfill site it produces methane, which causes global warming.

**Q** Will the food in my bin smell?

**A** Not if you empty your food caddy regularly into the outside brown bin and tie up the corn starch bags.

**Q** I don't have time to do this – why should I have to?

**A** It is important to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill as it generates methane, a powerful green house gas. It's easy, all you need to do is follow the instructions in this leaflet.

**Q** Can I use plastic bags to line my caddy?

**A** NO, the corn starch bags decompose, plastic bags don't. If you run out of corn starch bags please call 028 9034 0056/57.