

# FOOD WASTE RECYCLING

Collection  
starts week  
of 30th  
March 2026

# 1 WHY ARE WE MAKING CHANGES?

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



Outside food waste recycling bin

## 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 plant, where it is used to generate natural forms of energy, such as biogas, an excellent alternative to fossil fuels and a fertiliser which can be used in farming.

## 2 WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CADDY?

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



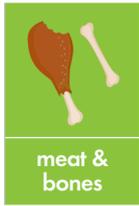
- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs



- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Bones



- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



- ✓ Raw vegetables
- ✓ Cooked vegetables
- ✓ Whole fruit
- ✓ Peelings



- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Cooked fish
- ✓ Bones



- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Beans

If you are unsure, check our A-Z:  
[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/a-z-of-waste/](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/a-z-of-waste/)

**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



# 3 RECYCLING YOUR FOOD WASTE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

We will provide a convenient weekly food waste recycling service. When putting food waste in your caddy, using a liner is optional.

1 Most people line their kitchen caddy with liners or newspaper.



## Top tip

If you would rather use your own indoor container that's fine, do whatever works for you.

Please note that HDC will not be providing liners.

2 Whenever you need to empty your kitchen caddy, put it in your outdoor food waste recycling bin.



## Top tip

Remember to not let your caddy get too full before emptying it.

3 Remember your food recycling bin comes with a lockable handle.



## 4 COLLECTIONS

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

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.

Separate vehicles will collect your food waste caddy, which may be at different times to other collections.



MAKE SURE YOUR FOOD  
**WASTE CADDY** IS OUT

**BY 6:30 AM**

**ON YOUR SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY**

Check for your collection day here:

[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuse-calendar/](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuse-calendar/)

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## 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, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

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

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 over 25 times more harmful than carbon dioxide.

### 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.

### Will the food in my bin smell?

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



### Why reducing food waste matters

The average UK household wastes around 210 kg of food each year, worth over £700. By planning meals, storing food well and using leftovers, you can save money, cut waste, and reduce our emissions.

If you have any queries about this new collection, please contact us:

Visit <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/foodwaste>

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