



Recycle more, recycle right.

Food waste goes in your green bin. Even a little step like recycling your tea bags and veg peelings can make a big difference.



Yes please

All residents who recycle their food waste are entitled to a free roll of caddy liners for their grey kitchen caddy. To find out where you can get your caddy liners, visit www.wigan.gov.uk/recycling



Fruit and vegetables



Tea bags and coffee grounds



Meat and bones



Fish



Egg shells and dairy



Bread and pastries



No thanks

Cardboard
Plastic bags
Liquid oils and fat

Liquid such as milk,
yoghurt or cream
Food packaging

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we doing this?

Approximately 30% of the rubbish in an average household bin is food waste. When it decomposes in a landfill site it produces methane gas which contributes to climate change.

Will the food in my bin smell?

Not if you empty your food caddy regularly into your outside container and tie up your caddy liners. Your green waste container is fitted with a lid which will stop smells getting out and vermin getting in.

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

It is important to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill. Waste from your black bin costs more to dispose of than recycling it and can save resources that can be used to fund other council services for your area.

Do I have to use caddy liners to recycle my food waste?

No, you can put waste food loose into your green bin, (or kerbside caddy) or use newspaper to line your kitchen caddy if you are unable to obtain a supply of caddy liners.

Why can't I use plastic bags to put food into my bin?

Plastic bags don't decompose in the composting process whereas the liners and newspaper will break down naturally. The food and garden waste are shredded before being put back onto the land and pieces of plastic will cause litter.

Please remember:

Food waste contained in plastic bags will not be collected. Any bags used to contain food waste must be compostable and show this logo:

