

# FOOD RECYCLING

It really does  
make a difference.



**Take part in  
our food waste  
collection trial!**

# Why recycle your food waste?

Food waste that is sent to **landfill** doesn't break down harmlessly. 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.

When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste is taken to a special processing plant, operated by Biogen in Atherstone, Warwickshire where it is used to **generate electricity** to power homes and local businesses. It also produces a **fertiliser** which is used in farming.

good to know

Around 7 million tonnes of food waste is thrown away by households in the UK every year, and most of it could have been eaten. Over a year the average family throws away around £700 of food.

good to know

6 recycled tea bags could produce enough electricity to boil a kettle for another cuppa.

## Top tip

To help keep your caddy dry try putting a sheet of kitchen roll or newspaper in the bottom.

About one third of waste in your black bin is food waste. Let's work together to divert this from landfill and recycle more!



# Food for thought

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.



# Recycling your food waste has never been easier

## Have you got the right equipment?

If you do not have any food waste containers, please email [recycling@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) or call 01530 454545

1. Line your kitchen caddy with one of the liners and put your food waste in it.



**Top tip**  
If you would rather use your own indoor container that's fine – do whatever works for you

2. Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top and put it in your outdoor food 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.  
 **Please put your food recycling out for collection by 6am every Tuesday. If you are on our assisted collection service, please leave the larger food waste bin in the same place as your other bins / containers for our waste operatives to collect and return.**

