FOOD RECYCLING
It really does make a difference.

Coming soon!
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 - equivalent to an annual utility bill.

**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!
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.

**Food for thought**

- **food waste**
- **dairy**
- **bread & pastries**
- **rice pasta & beans**
- **meat & bones**
- **tea & coffee grounds**
- **fruit & vegetables**
- **fish**

**Remember to recycle**

- All uneaten food & plate scrapings
- Mouldy or out of date food, Inc. ready meals removed from their packaging
- Raw & cooked meat, fish & vegetables
- Egg shells
Recycling your food waste has never been easier

Have you got the right equipment?
In November you’ll receive a kitchen caddy, a food recycling bin and a roll of liners.
If you don’t receive these please get in touch online at www.nwleics.gov.uk/request or call 01530 454545.

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

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

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

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

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

Please put your food recycling out for collection by 6am every week on your food waste collection day. This can be found on the enclosed FAQ sheet.

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