4 Why are we doing this?

Food waste that is put into general rubbish often ends up in landfill, where it rots and releases methane - a harmful greenhouse gas.

When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste is taken to an Anaerobic Digestion processing facility which captures the methane and turns it into energy. The process also produces a fertiliser which can be used in farming. Your food waste is recycled into energy to power your homes.

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, orange peels, tea bags are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

Can I compost at home instead?

Yes you can and we continue to support home composting. Subsidised home composters are available from www.getcomposting.com. You can always use your food waste caddy to recycle any food waste that you aren’t able to compost at home.

I don’t have space for the caddy, what should I do?

People find that keeping it under the sink, next to the kitchen bin or on the work top is really practical. And remember you can use your own container if you prefer something more stylish or fits better in your kitchen.

Will the food in my bin smell?

No, if you empty your food waste caddy regularly and tie up the linings. Your outdoor food waste bin has a sealable and lockable lid which will reduce smell as well as prevent pests raiding blue rubbish bags and causing litter.

If you have any queries about food waste collection please visit www.wokingham.gov.uk (search for ‘food waste’).
1. Welcome to your new food waste recycling service

We are introducing collection of food waste so that you can recycle more and help protect the environment.

You should have received the following:

- Food waste caddy (5 litre)
- Liners
- Outdoor container (23 litre)

If you have not received these please visit www.wokingham.gov.uk (search for ‘food waste’) to check your nearest collection point.

2. What can I put in my caddy?

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

- Raw meat
- Cooked meat
- Bones
- Raw fish
- Cooked fish
- Bones
- Leftover pet food
- All uneaten food and plate scrapings
- Rice and pasta
- Pasta
- Beans
- Rice and potato shells
- Rice
- Pasta
- Beans
- Fruit and vegetables
- Raw vegetables
- Cooked vegetables
- Fruit
- Peeling
- Tea bags
- Coffee grounds
- Dairies
- Cheese
- Eggs
- Yoghurts
- Bread
- Cakes
- Pastries
- Fats
- Cooking oils
- Oil
- Grease
- Fat
- Vegetable oil
- Food waste
- Meat and bones

Remember to recycle your Sheldon and out of date food (including ready meals) removed from their packaging.

3. Recycling your food waste is quick and easy

1. Line your food waste caddy with one of the liners provided and put your food waste in it.
2. Whenever you need to empty your food waste caddy, tie the liner and put it in your outdoor container.
3. Remember your outdoor container come with a lockable handle. Please put your food waste container out for collection by 6.30am every week on your normal collection day.

Collections

Your food waste collections start from April 2019. It will be every week on the same day as your normal waste and recycling collections.

Please put your outdoor container with the handle in the locked position - at the edge of your property with your recycling box and blue bag by 6.30am. Please place your blue bag on top of your recycling box to minimise a chance of your paper and card getting wet.

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- Packaging of any kind
- Liquids such as milk
- Pet waste
- Garden waste

Need more liners?

Once you have used your supply of liners, you can get more free of charge from the Council Offices and Wokingham Borough’s public libraries.

Your recycling will really make a difference - thanks!