

# Let's sort it!



Your guide to  
getting food  
recycling right

 Royal Greenwich recycles

  
ROYAL *borough of*  
GREENWICH

# YES PLEASE



The brown bin can only be used for food waste from your kitchen. The council can provide you with a free kitchen caddy for your food waste. The caddy can be lined with newspaper, paper/cornstarch bags.

**Look for the seed logo to check you are using the correct cornstarch bags!**



## FROM THE KITCHEN OR HOME



**BONES, MEAT AND FISH**



**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PEELINGS**



**LEFTOVERS AND PLATE SCRAPINGS**



**MOULDY OR OUT-OF-DATE FOOD**



**TEA BAGS AND COFFEE GROUNDS**



**DAIRY**

# NO THANKS



If you put the wrong type of waste in the food bin then you will be causing contamination. When this happens, it means everything else in the bin can no longer be treated as food waste.

Below are the items that must not go in the brown top food waste bin. Please see our website for more information on what to do with different types of waste: [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recycling](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recycling)



**OIL OR LIQUID FAT**



**GARDEN WASTE**



**PACKAGING OF ANY KIND**



**LIQUIDS SUCH AS MILK**



**WASTE FROM PETS**



If you have not received your free food caddy, contact the contact centre [Contact.Centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:Contact.Centre@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) or 020 8921 4661. Bags can be purchased via the contact centre or at your local supermarket.



For large house items, you can use our bulky waste collection service. For more information, visit [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bulkywaste). Alternatively, why not use our Reuse and Recycling Centre? Find out more at [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recyclingcentre](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recyclingcentre)

# GOOD TO KNOW

## What happens to my food waste?

When you recycle your food waste, it's taken to a local processing facility where it's transformed into:

- **Renewable energy** – helping to power homes and businesses
- **Nutrient-rich fertiliser** – used to improve soil and grow new crops

By putting your food scraps in your food waste bin, you're helping reduce carbon emissions, protect the environment, and keep your general waste bin cleaner and fresher.

**Your leftovers help create energy and grow more food — nothing goes to waste!**

## LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE

It is estimated that about a quarter of the food we buy is thrown away. That's one in every four bags of shopping you buy – or the equivalent of £60 a month – for the average family.

Visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com) for tips on how to avoid food waste and save money! Love food hate waste.



Want to speak to someone about waste and recycling? Please call our contact centre on **020 8921 4661**

  
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