

# Reasons to recycle food waste

Your food waste will be taken to Cumberlow Green near Rushden, North Herts where it will be turned into compost and used on local farmer's fields.

Nationally we throw away 7.3 million tonnes of food each year with only 0.5 million tonnes currently being recycled.

In North Herts 21% of the average purple bin is made up of food waste. If food waste is placed in the purple bin it is sent to landfill where it doesn't degrade harmlessly, instead it produces methane - a harmful greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than Carbon Dioxide.

## How can I reduce the amount of food I throw away?

Many people are surprised by just how much food they throw away once they start to separate it. All that waste food is costing you money - the average family could save up to £60 per month. For tips and recipes to help you waste less, visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)



Your purple bin will be less smelly and full if you recycle your food waste, using the separate collection every week.

It is more cost effective to turn food waste into compost than to bury it in landfill.

**NEW WEEKLY FOOD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION STARTING W/C 14 MAY 2018**



## Your NEW separate **FOOD RECYCLING** Service



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# Your new separate food waste recycling collection service

We are making changes to the way your **food waste** is collected to encourage all residents to **recycle** more and help the **environment**.

Collections will start the week commencing 14 May. This leaflet explains the new service. You will also have received a brown 23L caddy and a one-off roll of compostable liners.

## How does the service work?

1. Line your green kitchen food waste caddy (or alternative container) with a compostable liner or place food waste in loose.



2. Place ALL raw and cooked food waste including pet food, bones and tea bags in the kitchen caddy. Allow food to cool first. Please remove all packaging from food and no liquids.



3. Empty your kitchen caddy every 2-3 days or sooner if full. Place food waste into the brown 23L outdoor caddy ready for collection.



4. Your brown caddy will be collected weekly. Place it out for collection in your usual place next to your other bin(s) on collection day. All food waste must be in the brown caddy with the lid closed for it to be collected.

We have provided one roll of compostable liners to get you started. Once you have run out of the caddy liners provided, you can purchase compostable liners from most supermarkets or online, but please ensure they show the seedling logo. This shows that they are composting compliant.



# What can I recycle?

You will be able to recycle all your food waste including:

