

4 Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is our council introducing changes to the brown bin?

A. Nearly 38% (by weight) of the waste in the average household landfill bin is food waste. We want to reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill so this is an excellent improvement to an existing service that will easily allow householders to recycle all their food waste.

Q. Where should I store my caddy?

A. Caddies are designed for use in the home. It is a personal choice where to store it, some suggestions include:- the cupboard under the sink, on a window ledge or beside your normal kitchen bin.



Q. Can I use plastic bags to line my caddy?

A. NO – the special compostable liners provided decompose in the composting process, plastic bags don't. If you use any bags other than the special compostable liners provided in your caddy, your brown bin will be marked contaminated by the collection crews and you will be asked to remove the unsuitable bags before your next scheduled collection.

If you require more compostable liners please contact the Council for further information on how to obtain them: visit www.moyle-council.org/brownbins or telephone **028 2076 2225**. Alternatively, you can line your caddy with newspaper.

5 Things to remember



Make sure your large brown bin is out for collection by 7:00 am on your collection day and can be seen clearly.

Please keep for reference



You can choose to put food waste loose into your large brown bin. Caddies and liners have been supplied for convenience.



It starts April!

Your brown bin can be used for the collection of food waste from April.



Only use the special compostable liners provided to line your caddy. Check for the special symbol.

What happens to your food waste?

Your food waste is taken to a special processing plant. It is recycled into compost which is rich in nutrients.



For more information about your recycling services, visit www.moyle-council.org or call our contact centre on **028 2076 2225**.



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Food Waste Recycling

Your New Food Waste Collection Service



 **recycle**
for your community

 **DOE**
Department of the Environment
www.doeni.gov.uk

 **rethink waste**
www.rethinkwaste.org.uk

 **MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

1 Why are we making changes?

We are changing your brown bin collection service to include the collection of food waste. This will help local people recycle more from their homes and help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Brown bins will continue to be collected on the same day as normal. All you need to do is collect your food waste using the caddy and special compostable liners provided and when it is full put the liner into your brown bin. Doing this will reduce the amount of rotting food sent to local landfill sites and will result in food waste being made into a useful compost instead.

All types of food waste including meat, fish, cheese and dairy products can now be disposed of via the brown bin.

How do I get more compostable liners?

Your caddy liner bags will be delivered along with your food caddy.

If you require additional liners please visit www.moyle-council.org/brownbins or telephone **028 2076 2225**.

Alternatively, you can line your caddy with newspaper.

When will the scheme start?

Please start putting your food waste into your brown bin from April. Food waste should no longer be disposed of in your landfill bin.



You should have received the following

If you have not received a caddy or liners then please contact us: **028 2076 2225**



2 How do I use my food caddy?



1 Line your caddy with a compostable liner & fill it with food waste. **Do not use plastic bags.**



2 When it is full tie the liner and put it in your brown bin outside.



3 Put your brown bin out for collection on your normal day by 7am.

3 What can I put in my caddy?

You can put any raw or cooked food in your caddy. You can even scrape uneaten food straight into your caddy.

- ✓ Meat and fish - raw and cooked including bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables - raw and cooked
- ✓ All dairy products, including eggs and cheese
- ✓ Bread, cakes and pastries
- ✓ Rice, pasta and beans
- ✓ Uneaten food from your plates
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds

Please do not put the following items in your caddy:

- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Plastic bags – only use compostable liners
- ✗ Packaging of any sort
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste



Please remember

You can continue to use the brown bin service for garden waste including:

- ✓ Lawn cuttings
- ✓ Tree and hedge prunings
- ✓ Garden plants and weeds
- ✓ Leaves, twigs and bark

Please do not put the following items in your brown wheeled bin:

- ✗ Soil, rubble and stones
- ✗ Paper
- ✗ Dog faeces
- ✗ Cardboard

