Food Waste Recycling

Your New Food Waste Collection Service
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 therefore assisting the Council to meet landfill diversion targets.

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 bags provided and when it is full put the bag 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 caddy liners?

Your first roll of 52 bags will be delivered free with your caddy. Additional rolls can be purchased in your local area - contact Limavady Borough Council for details of outlets. Alternatively, you can line your caddy with newspaper.

When will the scheme start?

Please start putting your food waste into your brown bin from early 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 7776 0305
2 How do I use my food caddy?

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

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

3 Put your brown bin out for collection on your normal day by 7am.
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 such as eggs and cheese.
✅ Bread, cakes and pastries.
✅ Rice, pasta and beans.
✅ Uneaten food from your plates and dishes.
✅ Tea bags and coffee grounds.

Please do not put the following items in your caddy:

❌ Liquids
❌ Oil or liquid fat
❌ Plastic bags - Only use the biodegradable bags
❌ 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
**Frequently Asked Questions**

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

**A.** Nearly 20% 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. During the summer months you are advised to empty your caddy on a more frequent basis.

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

**A.** NO – the special biodegradable bags provided decompose in the composting process, plastic bags don’t. If you use any bags other than the special bags 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 caddy liners please contact the Council for further information on how to obtain them telephone: 028 7776 0305 or alternatively you can use newspaper.
# Things to remember

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<th><strong>Make sure your food waste bin is out for collection by 7:00 am on your collection day and can be seen clearly.</strong></th>
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| **You can choose to put food waste loose into your large brown bin. Caddies and liners have been supplied for convenience.** |

| **Your brown bin can now be used for the collection of food waste from early April.** |

| **Only use the special biodegradable bags provided to line your caddy. Check for the special symbol.** |

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**What happens to your food waste?**

Your food waste is taken to a special processing plant where it is recycled into compost which is a useful soil rich in nutrients.

For more information about your recycling services, visit [www.limavady.gov.uk](http://www.limavady.gov.uk) or call our contact centre on 028 7776 0305.

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