# FOOD RECYCLING

Your new food waste recycling service









### Welcome

Dear resident,

You may have heard that we are rolling out the food waste recycling service permanently across the city.

We want to increase our recycling rate in Westminster, and the new food waste recycling service can help us do that.

The service is popular with residents, with some saying that it's reduced their general waste significantly.

Food waste contributes up to 8% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. By recycling your food waste, you are playing a vital role in helping us to improve our impact on the environment.

Alongside your food waste collection, you may see some changes to your normal waste collections to make the whole service more efficient.

If you have any questions, please contact our recycling team at **foodwaste@**westminster.gov.uk

Cllr Paul Dimoldenberg Cabinet Member for City Management

## What is changing?

#### Food waste recycling

We are introducing a food waste recycling service for your building or estate.

#### You will receive

You will receive a special bin and a roll of liners to use just for your food waste.

## When is it changing?

This new service will begin shortly. You will receive new bins, a roll of food waste liners and more information about how to use the service before it starts.

## Why is it changing?

Food waste recycling is an important part of increasing the amount of waste we recycle, which reduces our impact on the environment and helps to tackle climate change.

## Food recycling facts



Six recycled tea bags could produce enough electricity to boil a kettle for another cuppa.



Just one kitchen bin full of food waste generates enough electricity to power a light bulb for more than 24 hours.



# Why are we doing this?



#### Wasting less

Around 30% of the rubbish we throw away in Westminster is food, and food waste generates harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Using this service will help reduce waste and tackle climate change.



#### Renewable energy

Your food waste will be sent to a plant outside London to generate renewable energy.



#### **Biofertiliser**

The plant will use the food waste to produce biogas (used to generate electricity and heat) and biofertiliser which will be used on farmland.

## Your new food waste containers

Before the service begins, we'll deliver a kitchen bin for your food waste and a roll of liners to use in your kitchen bin and we may visit your property to explain how to use this new service.

#### KITCHEN BIN



#### LINERS



# OUTDOOR FOOD BIN



Each household will have their own indoor kitchen bin. You will then need to empty your securely tied liner into your building's communal food bin. Please go to our webpage for further information: www.westminster.gov.uk/food-waste-recycling or contact us at foodwaste@westminster.gov.uk

## What can I put in my kitchen bin?

#### **YES PLEASE**





**Plate** scrapings

✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



Meat and bones

✓ Raw meat, cooked meat, bones



Fish

Raw fish, cooked fish, bones



**Dairy** 

Dairy products, cheese, eggs (including egg shells)



Tea bags and coffee grounds

✓ Tea bags, coffee grounds



Rice, pasta and beans

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**Bread** and pastries

Bread, cake, pastries



Fruit and vegetables

Raw/cooked vegetables, whole fruit, peelings

You can put mouldy food in your kitchen bin. Please remove any packaging before putting food in the kitchen bin.

#### **NO THANKS**





**Packaging of** any kind (including compostable packaging)



black bags



Liquids such as milk



**Flowers** or garden waste



Oil or liquid fat



Any item that is not food waste

For further information:



foodwaste@westminster.gov.uk



www.westminster.gov.uk/food-waste-recycling



www.westminster.gov.uk/climate-action-plan

