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 weekly food waste recycling service for your home.

Special bins and liners

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

When is it changing?

This new service will begin during February 2023. 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.



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



Just one one kitchen bin-load 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 and used to create biogas, a renewable energy source used to generate electricity to power the national grid, and heat for homes.



Biofertiliser

This plant will also transform the food waste into a biofertiliser, which will be used on farmland to grow more food.

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'll visit your property to explain how to use this new service.







OUTDOOR FOOD BIN



Each household will have their own indoor kitchen bin. However, depending on your property you may be given an outdoor food bin to share with your neighbours or an individual bin for your property. 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

