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# **FOOD WASTE RECYCLING COMING IN 2026**

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# YOUR NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

As part of a national government mandate under new 'Simpler Recycling' legislation (Environment Act 2021), from 2026 all Lincolnshire households will be required to separate their food waste from their residual waste. Your local council will deliver two new containers to your home together with instructions on how to use them.

All you will need to do is empty any food waste you have, such as plate scrapings, peelings and tea bags into the new kitchen caddy. When your kitchen caddy is full, empty it into your new outside food waste recycling caddy ready for collection.

By recycling your food waste in this new way, you will help cut down the amount of waste that ends up at our Lincolnshire Energy from Waste disposal facility. Separated collected food waste will be sent to an anaerobic digestion facility in Lincolnshire where it will be turned into fertiliser for agriculture and biogas which is used to generate renewable electricity for homes.

Household food waste collections will be introduced across Lincolnshire in 2026. Dates for each area will be shared closer to the time.

## What will be provided?

Before your collections begin your local council will arrange for you to be provided with the following delivered straight to your door:



A small kitchen caddy for collecting food scraps



A larger outdoor caddy for collection



An initial supply of indoor caddy liners



Full instructions and collection schedule

# WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO RECYCLE?

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

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| <b>Plate scrapings</b><br><br>All uneaten food and plate scrapings ✓     | <b>Meat &amp; bones</b><br><br>Raw meat<br>Cooked meat<br>Meat bones ✓ | <b>Fish</b><br><br>Raw fish<br>Cooked fish<br>Fish bones ✓      | <b>Dairy</b><br><br>Yoghurts<br>Cheese<br>Eggs<br>Butter ✓                         |
| <b>Tea bags &amp; coffee grounds</b><br><br>Tea bags<br>Coffee grounds ✓ | <b>Rice, pasta &amp; beans</b><br><br>Rice<br>Pasta<br>Beans ✓         | <b>Bread &amp; pastries</b><br><br>Bread<br>Cakes<br>Pastries ✓ | <b>Fruit &amp; veg</b><br><br>Raw / cooked vegetables<br>Whole fruit<br>Peelings ✓ |

You can put mouldy food, oils and fats in your kitchen caddy and any unused pet food (remove packaging).

## Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✗ No food in packaging
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste



# REASONS TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE

When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility where it is used to generate natural forms of energy, such as biogas - an excellent alternative to fossil fuels, and a fertiliser which can be used in local farming.

- ✓ Your household bin will be cleaner and less full if you recycle your food waste.
- ✓ This addition to your recycling service gives you the opportunity to recycle more of your waste.
- ✓ Your collection will be easy and convenient.



## Top tips

For tips and recipes to help you waste less food and save money, visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)



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