

YOUR NEW FOOD RECYCLING SERVICE

From 5 October 2026

How to use
your new
service



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

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WHY ARE WE MAKING CHANGES?

We are making changes to the way your food waste is collected so that we can all recycle better, together.

You should have received the following:



7-litre
kitchen caddy



23-litre lockable
outdoor caddy to keep
outside and deter pests

If you have not received these, please visit our website for more information: **www.solihull.gov.uk/collection-changes**

Why are we doing this?

All councils in England must introduce weekly food waste collections as part of the Government's Simpler Recycling scheme. This provides us with an opportunity to cut down on waste, boost recycling, and reduce our impact on the environment.

Recycled food waste is transformed into renewable energy as well as fertiliser for local farms. That makes it better for the community, and our environment.

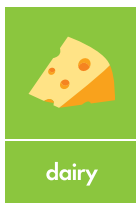
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WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CADDY?

You can recycle all your food waste, including the following:



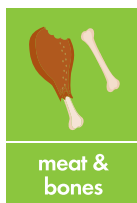
- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings
- ✓ Wet and dry pet food



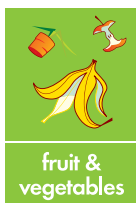
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs



- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



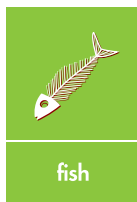
- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Bones



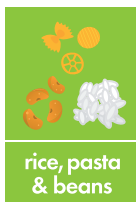
- ✓ Raw and cooked vegetables
- ✓ Whole fruit
- ✓ Peelings



- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



- ✓ Cooked and uncooked fish
- ✓ Bones



- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Beans

Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging.

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✗ Packaging of any kind e.g. pots and tubs
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste



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HOW THE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE WORKS

Solihull provides a convenient weekly food waste recycling service.

- 1 Most people put a liner into their kitchen caddy, then put their food waste in it.



TOP TIP

If you would rather use your own indoor container that's fine – do whatever works for you.

- 2 Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top of the bag (if used) and put it in your outdoor caddy.



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Remember to not let your kitchen caddy get too full before emptying it.

- 3 Make sure the handle is locked before you put your outdoor caddy out for collection.

Please put your outdoor caddy out for collection by **6:00am** every week, on your normal collection day.



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COLLECTIONS

From 5 October 2026, we will collect your food waste every week on the same day as your normal waste and recycling collections.

Please put your outdoor caddy with the handle in the locked position at the edge of your property with your other waste or recycling.



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5 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What if I don't produce any food waste?

If you do not produce food waste, we will still provide you with a caddy so you can use the service in the future if needs be. The best thing we can do with our food is enjoy it, but some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

Will you be supplying caddy liners or should I use my own?

We will **not** be providing caddy liners. You can use any bag to line your kitchen caddy providing it is not black. You could use food packaging such as bread bags or salad bags, use newspaper, or choose to not use any type of liner.

Where should I keep my kitchen caddy?

A lot of people find that keeping it under the sink, next to the kitchen bin or on the work top is really practical. Remember, you can also use your own container if you prefer.

Will the food in my kitchen caddy smell?

Not if you empty your kitchen caddy regularly into the outdoor caddy and tie up the liners. Your outdoor caddy has a sealable and lockable lid which will stop smells and pests getting in.



If you have any queries about this new collection please contact us:

Visit: www.solihull.gov.uk/collection-changes

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