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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

From March, letters will be sent to all households by post. These letters will include details of your new food waste collection day. Please look out for this important information.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will my food waste be collected?

Your food waste will be collected weekly, however, this may be on a different day from your rubbish/recycling collections. Please ensure your outside food caddy is at the edge of your property by 7am on the day of collection.

What if I don't produce any food waste?

Remember there is no amount too small. Some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable, and these can all be put into your kitchen caddy.

Will the food in my bin smell?

Not if you tie up the liner and put it regularly into your outside container. This has a sealable and lockable lid which will stop smells and prevent animals getting in.

I don't have space for the kitchen caddy, what should I do?

A lot of people find that keeping it under the sink, next to the kitchen bin or on the work top is practical. And remember you can use your own container if you prefer something more stylish or it fits better in your kitchen.



I use a communal bin store area what do I do?

If you share communal bins, a food wheelie bin with a special lid and food waste label will be provided.

If you have individual bins in a bin store area and there is enough space, you will be given your own outside food caddy.

What happens to my food waste?



Your food waste is taken to a composting facility near Hailsham.



There, it's shredded and reaches temperatures of over 70°C as it is composted.



Once screened, the compost is ready for use as a soil conditioner.

How can I waste less food?

For tips and recipes to help you waste less food and save up to £60 per month visit lovefoodhatewaste.com

If you have any queries about the new collection service or require this leaflet in large print or another format, please contact your local council.

Check your local council's website for more information.

Hastings Borough Council: www.hastings.gov.uk

Rother District Council: www.rother.gov.uk

Wealden District Council: www.wealden.gov.uk

FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS



Feed me!

- ✓ Meat and fish – raw and cooked including bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables – raw and cooked
- ✓ All dairy products like eggs and cheese

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YOUR NEW FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

We will be rolling out a new weekly food waste collection service to all households from the end of March until mid-April 2026.

Why is this being introduced?

Food waste collection is an important part of increasing the amount of waste we recycle, reducing our impact on the environment and helping to tackle climate change.

Food waste makes up about 30% of the average household bin. By using your food caddy you will reduce the amount of rubbish in your bin.

You will have received the following:

All households (inc. flats)

A kitchen caddy to collect food waste and a roll of compostable liners*



Households with individual bins

A larger outside food caddy which we will empty weekly



Households with communal bins

A food wheelie bin with a special lid, for communal areas



* The liners are made from starch and are fully compostable. You can buy more from local supermarkets or online. Just look for the seedling logo to ensure you have the approved liners for food waste.



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WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR CADDY?

All your raw and cooked food waste, including:

		
food waste	dairy	bread & pastries
		
meat & bones	tea & coffee grounds	fruit & vegetables
		<p>Remember to put your mouldy and out of date food (without packaging) in your kitchen caddy</p>
fish	rice, pasta & beans	

Top Tip Look out for the seedling logo to ensure you have the approved liners for food waste.



Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✖ Cooking oil and liquids (e.g. milk)
- ✖ Any material that is not food waste
- ✖ Packaging of any kind (e.g. plastic bags & film)



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HOW TO USE YOUR CADDY

Using a caddy is simple...

- 1 Remember to always use a compostable liner in your kitchen caddy.



- 2 Place any cooked or uncooked food into your kitchen caddy.



- 3 When it is full, tie the top of your liner.



- 4 Place in your outside food container and put out for collection.



- 5 Remember your food caddy comes with a lockable handle.

Top Tips

Keep the lid closed.

Ensure your caddy handle is in the locked position to prevent animals getting in.

