

“Simpler Recycling”

- The new Simpler Recycling reforms aim to “see the same materials collected from homes, workplaces and schools, ending the confusing patchwork of different approaches across England”
- Local Authorities must provide a separate, weekly, collection of food waste free of charge for:
 - Businesses and non-domestic premises by March 2025
 - **All households by March 2026 (including flats)**
- The collection must include “all waste food intended for human, or household pet, consumption regardless of nutritional value” and all biodegradable non-edible by-products of food such as bones, eggshells and tea bags
- The Government’s preferred food waste treatment method is Anaerobic Digestion

Food waste recycling for flats

- Food recycling bins will be placed in communal, accessible locations
- Where possible this will be alongside existing waste and/or recycling bins
- Food waste bin cabinets are constructed of steel and fully enclosed to be vermin proof
- To minimise flies and odours the aperture is self-closing and cannot accidentally be left open
- A weighted base (150kg) prevents antisocial behaviour
- Clear information is printed on front
- Bins will be washed twice per year



Each flat will receive:

A roll of compostable liners



A kitchen caddy (5 litres)



A leaflet and letter



- Subsequent rolls of liners can be collected from all Wandsworth Libraries
- Replacement kitchen caddies can be ordered on the Council website / via contact centre

Recycling food waste is easy

Step 1: If desired, line the kitchen caddy with a compostable liner, or old newspaper/magazines



Step 2: Use the caddy to collect food waste in your kitchen



Step 3: Transfer the food waste in your caddy to your communal food waste recycling bin as often as you like



Communications:

Food waste recycling

Welcome to Wandsworth's new food waste recycling service for flats

You now have a convenient way to recycle food waste at home.

What should I do? You will have received:



Food waste caddy



Compostable caddy liners

Step 1 If desired, line your food caddy with a compostable caddy liner (your first roll is provided free of charge), or line it with old newspaper/magazines but don't use standard plastic bags. Keep this caddy in your kitchen. You can buy more liners from most supermarkets. Look for the 'seedling' logo.

Step 2 Use your food caddy to collect your food waste (turn over for full details).

Step 3 Transfer the food waste in your caddy to your communal food waste recycling bin as often as you like.

We will empty your communal food recycling bin weekly.

What can I recycle?

Please recycle all your cooked and uncooked food waste

You can recycle all mouldy or out of date food including ready meals - just remove the packaging.



plate scrapings



bread & pastries



fruit & vegetables



meat & bones



eggshells



dairy



tea & coffee grounds



fish

Do not place the following in your caddy:

✗ Liquid food waste, milk or oils	✗ Foil or cling film
✗ Biodegradable coffee pods	✗ Garden waste
✗ Compostable packaging (except compostable caddy liners)	✗ Kitchen Roll
✗ Any other plastics/bio-plastics	✗ Paper (except to line caddy)

Why recycle food waste?
Using this service means that your food waste will be turned into agricultural fertiliser and produce bio-gas for the National Gas Grid.

For simple tips on reducing food waste by planning meals and cooking with leftovers visit: eatlikealondoner.com

For further information or advice, please contact us on: 020 8871 8558 or foodwasterecycling@wandsworth.gov.uk

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A teaser letter will be delivered in the weeks prior to commencement, preparing residents to receive the communal bin and equipment

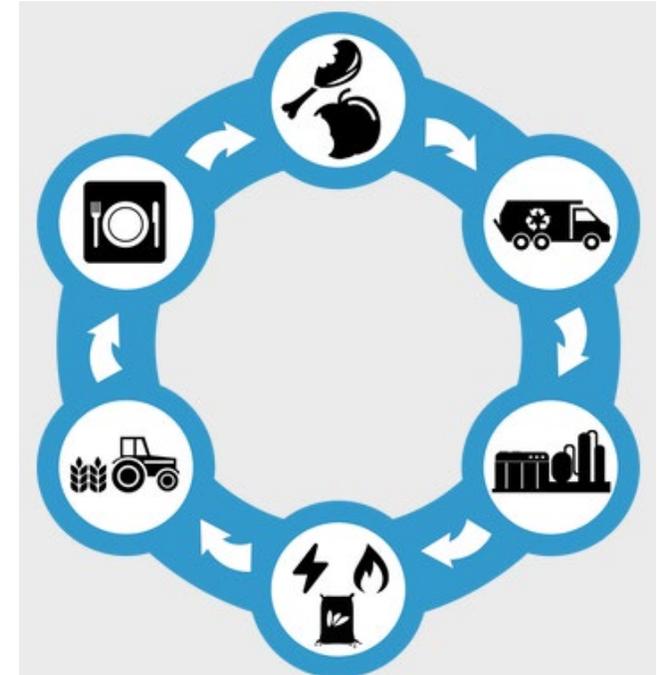
A leaflet will be provided (pictured) to each flat which will:

- Introduce the equipment that has been provided
- Describe how to use the service
- Give examples of what can be recycled
- Promoting London-wide food waste minimisation initiative – “Eat Like a Londoner”
- Council poster sites, social media and publications will be utilised



What happens to the food waste?

- Communal bins will be emptied weekly
- Food waste will be delivered directly by the collection trucks to BioCollectors in Mitcham
- BioCollectors is an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility which turns waste food in to bio-gas for the national gas grid and liquid fertiliser for use in agriculture



Disposal savings

- Residual waste disposal costs £160 per tonne
- Food waste recycling currently costs £0 per tonne
- Every tonne of waste food diverted from the residual waste stream results in a significant disposal saving

Increasing the recycling rate

- All food waste recycled counts positively towards the borough recycling rate (the percentage of all waste collected from Wandsworth households that is recycled or composted)
- Potential to collect c.34 tonnes of food waste per week once roll out complete to all flats