

# Here's how to **RECYCLE FOOD WASTE** at home



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Recycling food waste is a positive climate action

**All households in Ireland produce food waste. Some of it is unavoidable such as vegetable peelings and bones. Some households also produce avoidable food waste by overbuying food or not using up food before it goes out of date.**

Separating food waste in your kitchen and disposing of this in the food waste bin supplied by your waste collector is an important environmental action that all citizens need to engage with.

The incorrect disposal of organic waste can increase greenhouse gas emissions and contribute negatively to climate change.

By using your food waste bin correctly, you are contributing to the circular

economy and helping to create green jobs in Ireland.

When kerbside food waste is collected, it is sent for processing to either a compost site or an anaerobic digester. At composting sites, household food waste is converted into high quality compost and then used in agriculture and landscaping. If processed at an anaerobic digester your food waste is converted into energy.

It is important that you do not contaminate the food waste with packaging such as glass, metal or plastic. For further information on managing your household waste go to [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)

## Tips & Tricks



- 1 Find the **best location** for the caddy.



- 2 **Use a liner to keep the caddy clean.** Ensure your bio liner is fully compostable – it should have this logo or carry IS EN13432.



- 3 To keep the caddy clean make sure the **liner is flattened and hangs over the top of the caddy.**



- 4 When the liner is full, **tie a knot in the liner** and **place in the kerbside food waste bin.**



- 5 **Leave your kerbside food waste bin out for collection** as notified by your collector.

# What Food Waste can I recycle?

- **Raw and cooked** food
- Meat, poultry, fish and bones
- Leftover food and plate scrapings
- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Gone off fruit & vegetables
- Tea bags, coffee grounds and paper filters
- Bread, cakes, biscuits
- Rice, pasta and cereals
- Dairy products such as cheese, butter and yogurts
- Soups and sauces
- Eggs and eggshells
- Soiled paper napkins and kitchen roll
- Small amounts of newspapers, if used to wrap food in
- Any out-of-date foods – remember to remove the packaging



Some waste collectors accept grass clippings and small amounts of garden waste. Contact your waste collector to find out if you can add these items to your food waste recycling bin.

# What cannot be placed in your food waste bin?

- Plastic – bags, bottles, tubs and trays
- Glass bottles & jars
- Tin cans
- Nappies
- Soils & stones
- Cardboard
- Ashes, coal or cinders
- Pet faeces and Litter



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