

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



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Food Waste Recycling

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 Some households also produce avoidable food waste by overbuying food or not using up food before it goes out of date.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 for home composting and using your food waste recycling bin supplied by the waste contractor is an important environmental action that all citizens need to engage in.

In 2018, the EPA carried out a survey of household waste bins and found that 16% of waste in the general waste stream was organic. 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.

Your Food waste is collected and taken 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. Further information on separating recyclable packaging is available at www.mywaste.ie



1 Purchase a kitchen caddy or use an old container such as a bucket or pot.



2 Use liners to keep the caddy clean – these are available to purchase in all supermarkets & DIY stores – just make sure they carry the standard certification: EN 13432.



3 Flatten the liner against the wall of the caddy to ensure all the material is captured in the bag.



4 Everyone's kitchen is different so find the best location for you to collect all your food waste scraps.



5 When the caddy is full, empty the liner into your kerbside food waste bin.

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- Any out of date foods – remember to remove the packaging



Raw & cooked food



Eggshells



Fruit & veg



Meat & fish



Dairy products



Bread



Kitchen roll/tissue



Coffee grounds and tea bags

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 recycling bin?

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



No Plastic



No Glass



No Metal