

Food Waste

Let's get it right!



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Let's get it right and recycle better, together.

Do it for Enfield.



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Let's talk about recycling your food waste

Along with this leaflet, you will have received a roll of liners for your food caddy, and a new sticker on your rubbish bin. This is all part of our mission to increase the amount of food being recycled in Enfield.

If you are already recycling your food waste, thank you and keep up the good work!



Wasting food isn't just bad for our wallets – it has a huge impact on the environment too.

Food that you dispose of with your rubbish generates powerful greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

Food in your kerbside caddy is collected weekly by Enfield Council and taken to a processing plant where it's turned into fertiliser and electricity powering homes.

The average household wastes £470 of food waste per year



How are we doing in Enfield?

Last year, households in Enfield recycled over 6,500 tonnes of food waste, the equivalent weight of roughly 550 London buses!



However, food waste thrown away in the general rubbish bin in Enfield costs the council £1.2 million a year to dispose of. By recycling this food, you will be helping to save money that can be spent on other essential council services.

If you've not used the food recycling service before, check out how the steps below on how to get started.

1

Ensure you have a set of food waste caddies (small bins). A brown outdoor caddy and a silver kitchen caddy.



2

You should have been delivered a roll of compostable caddy liners with this leaflet. Line your kitchen caddy with a liner.



3

Refer to page 4 to check what can and can't be placed in your caddy.



4

Collect your food waste in kitchen caddy. Once almost full tie the liner and place in your outdoor caddy.



5

Remember to lock your outdoor caddy once you have placed your food waste inside, by moving the handle fully forward.



6

Please put out your locked food caddy by 5.30am each collection day.



To find out more about your waste collections or to order a replacement outdoor food recycling caddy, please visit www.enfield.gov.uk/newbin or scan the QR code.



What food waste can I recycle?

The best thing we can do is to only buy the food we need, and to eat the food we buy. Sometimes food waste is unavoidable and it can all be placed in your food recycling caddy, just make sure to remove any packaging first. For a full list of accepted items see: www.enfield.gov.uk/foodwaste



Meat & bones



Leftover food



Bread & pastries



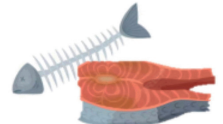
Tea bags & coffee grounds



Fruit & vegetables



Egg shells



Fish & bones



Vegetable peelings



Compostable bags



Rice, pasta & beans



Cheese & dairy



General rubbish



Nappies



Plastic bags



Garden waste



Pet waste & bedding



Packaging



Oils & fats

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What happens to the recycling in your bin?

1. Your recycling bin is collected by our crews.
2. Materials are taken to a recycling facility where all the items are sorted into their different material types and wrong items disposed of.
3. Each type of material is sent separately for recycling.
4. Recycled items can be back in shops in as little as 8 weeks.



Why is it important to recycle right?

1. **Spoil entire loads** – Even small amounts (e.g. half a tin of baked beans) can ruin a truckload, leading to rejection and disposal via incineration or landfill.
2. **Increase costs** – Sorting the wrong items out is labour-intensive and causes machinery issues, costing councils like Enfield over £85,000 annually.
3. **Lower material value** – Wrong items reduce the quality of recyclables, making them less valuable and increasing council expenses.
4. **Create safety risks** – Dangerous items like disposable vapes can cause fires or injuries at recycling facilities.
5. **Undermine public trust** – Seeing others placing the wrong items in their recycling can discourage proper participation, leading to more rubbish.

How to recycle right

If you've not used your recycling service before, or it's been a while, check out the steps below on how to get started.

Check it! Rinse it! Recycle it!

1

Ensure you have a recycling bin with a blue lid.



2

Check it! Refer to the next page to check what you can or can't recycle.



3

Rinse it! Ensure any containers are empty of any food and give them a quick rinse at the end of your washing up.



4

Recycle it! Put the correct items loose in the bin. No need to put them in a bag. Large cardboard boxes can be flattened and placed next to the bin.



5

Please put out your recycling bin by 5.30am on your fortnightly collection day.



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Recycle batteries separately

Batteries can cause fires in your recycling bin. Recycle batteries and electrical items at your local household reuse and recycling centre.



What can I put in my recycling bin?

Remember not everything is recyclable. Place all items in your bin loose, no need to put them in a bag. And remember to give them a rinse if needed. For a full list of accepted items see: www.enfield.gov.uk/dryrecyclables

Check it! Rinse it! Recycle it!



Cardboard



Aerosols



Plastic bottles



Paper, magazines & newspaper



Plastic pots, tubs & trays



Glass bottles & jars



Metal tins & cans



General rubbish



Nappies



Plastic bags



Electricals



Pet waste & bedding



Hard plastics



Clothes & textiles



Food waste



Tissues/kitchen paper



Polystyrene/bubble wrap



Plate glass



Batteries

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