

What can I recycle in my caddy?

YES ✓

- ✓ Leftovers from meals
- ✓ Leftovers when preparing meals
- ✓ Out of date food left in the fridge or cupboards

NO ✗

- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Oils

Top tip

Unopened out of date food should also be unpacked and recycled

Types of food



Dairy ✓



Meat and bones ✓



Fruit ✓



Vegetables ✓



Bread, cakes and pastries ✓



Rice and pasta ✓



Fish ✓



Tea bags and coffee grounds ✓

Your new food waste recycling service can be used for ALL **cooked** ✓ and **uncooked** ✓ food waste - it even takes eggshells, bones and tea bags!

For hints and tips on how to reduce your food waste please visit lovefoodhatewaste.com

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Why it's important

Why should I recycle food waste?

More than 30% of the waste in an average bin is food. Food waste is a valuable resource. Using the food waste recycling service diverts this waste from landfill, allows it to be recycled and turned into valuable resources such as agricultural fertilisers and energy.

Why should we stop sending food waste to landfill?

Landfilling food waste is environmentally unfriendly and an expensive way to dispose of waste. When food waste breaks down in landfill it gives off methane gas, which contributes to climate change and is a waste of a valuable product that can be recycled.

Why do we need to recycle food waste?

West Lothian Council is one of the top performing recycling councils in Scotland and recycling food waste will help to ensure we continue to meet the challenges and targets set by Scotland's Zero Waste Plan.

This means West Lothian Council will need to collect it separately meaning that you should no longer put food waste in your household waste bin.

West Lothian Council has been successful in securing funding for this new food waste recycling service.

Will the food in my bin smell?

If you use your new service as instructed and line your indoor caddy there will be no problem with smell.

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Your **NEW** 2 caddy food waste recycling service



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This is your **NEW** weekly food waste recycling service, it's clean and simple to use.

You will receive

NEW 7ltr indoor caddy

NEW 23ltr outdoor caddy

Initial supply of **Free** liners



Lockable lids



How to use your new caddies



1 Line your indoor caddy with liners, plastic bags or newspaper



2 Transfer any cooked or uncooked food waste to the caddy



3 When the liner is full, tie and remove from caddy and replace with a new liner



4 Place the full liner in your outdoor caddy



5 Please place your outdoor caddy at the kerbside every week on your collection day and we will collect it

What happens to the food I recycle?

Your food waste is taken to a special processing plant where it is recycled and turned into valuable resources such as agricultural fertilisers and energy.



Please place your outdoor caddy at the kerbside by 7am every week on your collection day.

How to line your indoor caddy?

When your initial supply of liners are finished, please continue to line your indoor caddy with other liners or newspaper.