How to recycle your Food Waste.

NEW SERVICE STARTS FROM 5 DECEMBER 2011

www.brentwood.gov.uk/recycle

BRENTWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
What changes are happening?
We will collect your food waste every week on the same day as your black refuse sack collection.

To help you recycle your food waste we will provide:

A kitchen caddy (with lockable lid)
To be kept in the kitchen for easy storage of your food waste. When the liner is full tie the bag and put it in your external caddy for collection.

A starter pack of compostable caddy liners (x25 bags)
Line your kitchen caddy with a compostable corn starch bag or newspaper, which will keep the caddy clean and easy to use. Additional liners can be purchased at a cost through council approved retailers or supermarkets, please ensure the bags are compostable and have the seedling logo on the bags.

An external caddy (with lockable lid)
Use the external caddy to collect all your food waste and place on the kerbside on the same day as your black refuse sack collection.

Not received the above? Simply contact us for a delivery
Tel: 01277 312737
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Benefits of the new service

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<td>Your household bin will be cleaner and less full</td>
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<td>It reduces the odour from rotting waste food by providing a special container and weekly collection</td>
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<td>Your new collection is easy and convenient to use</td>
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<td>You can recycle up to 20% more of your waste</td>
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<td>It reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill, cutting the cost of waste disposal</td>
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<td>Streets will be cleaner as the likelihood of black sacks being ripped apart by animals will be reduced</td>
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What happens to your food waste?
Your food waste caddy will be emptied on the same day as your black refuse sack using a split-bodied vehicle. This means your food waste is kept separate from the refuse. Once collected your food waste will be taken to a special composting plant. The compost produced will be used as a nutrient rich soil conditioner/fertiliser on farms.

For more information visit: www.brentwood.gov.uk/recycle
Weekly Food Waste Collection

What can I put in my caddy?

- Meat & Fish - raw, cooked & bones
- Fruit & Vegetables - raw, cooked & peelings
- Dairy products e.g. eggs & cheese
- Bread, cakes & pastries
- Rice, pasta & beans
- Uneaten food from your plates & dishes
- Tea bags & coffee grounds

No thanks! - Please **DO NOT** put any of these materials in your food waste caddy including plastic bags.

- Plastic bags
- Solid fats, butter & dripping etc
- Liquids e.g. oil & milk
- Animal food waste
- Packaging of any sort

How to use your caddies

Weekly Food Waste collection STARTS week commencing Monday 5 December, place your external caddy on the boundary of your property for collection with your black sacks on your next normal refuse collection day from 5 December.

1. Line your kitchen caddy with a compostable liner, or use a sheet of newspaper. Fill with food waste and remember **NOT** to use plastic bags.

2. When full, tie the liner or wrap the newspaper. Transfer into external caddy.

3. Keep your external food waste caddy outside and out of direct sunlight. To prevent animals getting into the caddy, or it spilling, please lock the caddy by moving the handle into the upright position which makes it easier for lifting.

Open Locked

Please put your caddy out for collection with handle in the upright position.
Household Waste

Recycling and refuse must be placed on the kerbside at the front of your property at 7.30am on the correct collection day.

Fortnightly Orange sack collection
Orange sacks must be in clear view and not contained in dustbins or wheelie bins.

- Paper - newspaper & magazines, brochures & catalogues, Yellow Pages & telephone directories, envelopes (no padded envelopes), junk mail & leaflets, office paper, wrapping paper, hard & soft back books, shredded paper.

- Plastics - (please rinse) bottles & lids, cooking oil containers, tubs, trays, yoghurt pots and takeaway containers (no polystyrene), supermarket plastic bags & plastic sacks, bubble/film wrap packaging.

- Metals - food & drink cans (steel & aluminum), aerosols (empty, steel & aluminium), biscuit tins, baby milk tins (rinsed), aluminium foil.

- Card - boxes & corrugated, food & non food packaging, egg boxes, liquid & food cartons (Tetrapak), greeting cards.

Fortnightly Red box collection
Place all your glass bottles and jars in your red box.

- Green, blue, brown, clear, beer, wine and spirit bottles
- Glass jam jars and other food jars.

Please note: Need another red box? Telephone: 01277 312737

Fortnightly Garden Waste collection
Please use your compostable garden sacks and/or leased brown wheelie bins to recycle your garden waste.

Only use official Brentwood Borough Council 100% compostable sacks.

Garden waste you can recycle:
Grass cuttings, weeds, plants and flowers, leaves and twigs, hedge/tree trimmings and Christmas Trees.

Please note: Garden waste will not be collected during Christmas and New Year weeks.

Weekly Black sack collection
Place all bagged household waste out for collection on your normal collection day, on the boundary of your property.
(This will include nappies, polystyrene, solid fats, animal food waste and other non-recyclable household waste.)
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<td>Additional liners can be purchased at a cost through council approved retailers or supermarkets, please ensure the bags are compostable and have the seedling logo on the bags.</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>No, plastic and carrier bags do not decompose, and are prohibited. The corn starch liners provided are compostable and will therefore fully disappear in the composting process. You can get more liners as above, or simply line your kitchen caddy with newspaper.</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>It shouldn’t if you empty your kitchen caddy out regularly into your external caddy and line your caddy. Rinsing out your caddies from time to time will also help.</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>Your external caddy has a lockable lid, designed to prevent animals from breaking into it or spilling if tipped over. Always remember to keep your caddy handle in the locked position for storage and when presenting for collection.</td>
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<th>If I notice I produce a lot of food waste, what can I do?</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>For practical advice on how to reduce your food waste and save up to £50 per month on your food bill visit: <a href="http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com">www.lovefoodhatewaste.com</a></td>
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