

What food waste can I recycle?

You can put any of the following materials into your brown bin:

- ✓ Raw or cooked food
- ✓ Meat, poultry & fish, including bones
- ✓ Leftover food from your plates and dishes
- ✓ Fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Tea bags, coffee grinds & paper filters
- ✓ Breads, cakes & biscuits
- ✓ Rice, pasta & cereals
- ✓ Dairy products (cheese, butter, yoghurt)
- ✓ Soups & sauces
- ✓ Eggs, egg shells & cardboard egg boxes
- ✓ Food soiled paper napkins, paper towels
- ✓ Newspaper (when used for wrapping food waste)
- ✓ Out of date food with packaging removed (no glass/plastic)



NO THANKS!

Please DO NOT put any of the following materials into your brown bin

- ✗ Plastic bags/bottles
- ✗ Packaging of any sort
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Stones/soil
- ✗ Metal cans/wire
- ✗ Cardboard
- ✗ Ashes, coal or cinders
- ✗ Pet faeces or litter
- ✗ Cooking oils

Grass clippings and small twigs can also be added to your large brown bin.

Tips for recycling Food Waste

- Keep your kitchen kaddy where its easily accessible
- Line your kaddy with newspapers or cardboard to keep it clean
- If you prefer, you can use compostable bags which can be purchased at your local supermarket

Why do I need to separate my food waste?

We are no longer allowed to put food waste into landfill, as it is harmful to our environment. The Food Waste and Bio-Waste Regulations were introduced as part of a programme to address this problem. Each household in Offaly will have to demonstrate how they manage their food waste and they are required to keep it separate from their general waste and recyclables.

Offaly County Council is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the Regulations and will be carrying out door to door visits to ensure compliance and to offer advice and assistance.

Home Composting Bins & Kaddies are available from
Offaly County Council - Free Delivery
Composting Bins €40
Kaddies €7

For further information on food waste prevention and the brown bin log onto the following websites:

www.brownbins.ie
www.stopfoodwaste.ie
www.offaly.ie

Queries can be forwarded to:
environment@offalycoco.ie

Telephone:
057 9357403

Food Waste Recycling



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What's It All About?



We are making changes to the way your food waste is managed.

As a householder, you must now demonstrate how you manage your household waste - from your refuse to your recyclables and now also, your **FOOD WASTE**.

Sending food and garden waste from your house to landfill is no longer an option. It is now the **LAW** to segregate food waste and the responsibility is on the householder. Your options are:

- Use a **BROWN BIN** collection by contacting your waste collector.
- Use a **HOME COMPOSTING** bin
- Bring your separated food waste to an **AUTHORISED FACILITY**, such as:

- **Tullamore - Derryclure Waste & Recycling Facility on the Killeigh Road**
- **Edenderry Recycling Centre, Dublin Road**
- **Birr Recycling Centre, Syngefield Industrial Estate, Kinnitty Road**

What's in it for me?

The Potential to Save Money!

Households in Ireland throw out an average of **€700** per year on food waste. That is the same as putting this money directly into your bin. So, the next time you throw out a slice of bread or that bag of salad in the back of the fridge, think about how all this adds up to money from your pocket going into your bin.

Think before you buy!!!

Log on to **www.stopfoodwaste.ie** for more tips on food waste prevention



You can line your kaddy with newspaper to stop food sticking and to absorb any excess liquids. If you prefer, you could purchase compostable bags instead of using newspaper

1. Fill you kaddy with food waste.

2. When it is full, empty the food waste into your brown bin.



Frequently asked questions

Why should I use a Brown bin?

YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PUT YOUR FOOD WASTE INTO YOUR GENERAL WASTE BIN IT'S THE LAW!

- **It saves money** because it is cheaper to use than your waste bin and you become more aware of the food you waste;
- **It is better for the environment** because you are avoiding sending food waste to a landfill where it produces harmful greenhouse gases;
- **It produces a high quality compost**

Where do I get a brown bin?

Contact your waste collector who will provide you with a brown bin. When emptied, your food waste is sent to a Composting Plant where it produces a high quality compost material.

Can I use plastic bags?

NO! Plastic bags do not break down during composting and contaminate the process. You can use compostable bags which can be purchased from your local supermarket.

Should I leave my brown bin out for collection if it is not full

YES! A waste collector must collect your bin every fortnight so you should leave your bin out on collection day. The longer food waste is left in the bin, the more odorous it becomes and the less productive at the composting plant.

I already compost at home can I still do this?

YES! Your home composting bin can still be used for uncooked vegetables and fruit peelings. However you cannot place raw meat/cooked meats into your home composter. You can use your brown bin for all types of food waste, including raw/cooked foods or meats. But remember, you cannot place food waste into your general waste bin.