

## What I can't put in the Brown Bin?

- ✗ Ashes, coal and cinders
- ✗ Cooking Oils
- ✗ Rocks, Plastic, Metal
- ✗ Glass/Crockery
- ✗ Tin Foil
- ✗ Sweet/crisp wrappers
- ✗ Light bulbs, Batteries and electrical items
- ✗ Clothes/Textiles
- ✗ Medicines
- ✗ Nappies/Sanitary items
- ✗ Toothpaste tubes
- ✗ Any items accepted in your recycling bin



### Materials **not** accepted in your GENERAL WASTE BIN:

- ✗ **HAZARDOUS WASTE** such as oils, batteries, medicines, aerosol cans, paints. Some recycling centres accept these items – check with your local Council.
- ✗ **DRY RECYCLABLES** such as paper, cardboard, cans, cartons – check with your waste collector or local Council for more details.
- ✗ **BIOWASTE** such as food/garden waste.



## General Information

- Do not leave your Brown Bin, Recycling Bin or General Waste Bin out for collection before 6pm on the evening before your designated collection
- Remove your bin(s) within 12 hours from the designated collection time
- Remove any uncollected waste within 12 hours from the designated collection time
- Do not leave waste in bags beside the bin
- Do not overload bins and ensure the lid can close
- It is YOUR responsibility to ensure your waste is being collected by an authorised waste collector – check if they have a Waste Collection Permit

### For more information, contact your local Council

Offaly County Council • Tel: 057 93 57403 • [www.offaly.ie](http://www.offaly.ie)

Laois County Council • Tel: 057 86 74318 • [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie)

Longford County Council • Tel: 043 3343451 • [www.longfordcoco.ie](http://www.longfordcoco.ie)

North Tipperary County Council • Tel 067 44786 • [www.tipperarynorth.ie](http://www.tipperarynorth.ie)

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## Your BROWN BIN



The Midlands Local Authorities have adopted Waste Bye-Laws which outline how household waste, including dry recyclables and biowaste (food and garden waste) must be presented for collection.

As part of these Bye-Laws, a BROWN BIN will be delivered to your door over the coming weeks by your waste collector. This Brown Bin will accept biowaste, such as food and garden waste.





## What can I put in the Brown Bin?

**Food Scraps**  
Out-of-date foods  
Tea Bags,  
Coffee Grinds



**Fruit & Vegetables**



**Meat, Fish,  
Poultry & Bones**



**Breads, Cakes  
& Biscuits**



**Cut Flowers  
Plant Trimmings  
Leaves  
Grass Clippings  
Old Plants  
Moss  
Weeds**

(which have not  
been sprayed with  
weed killer)



**Paper Towels,  
Napkins,  
Filters**



**Soups, Sauces,  
Eggs & Dairy**



## Your questions answered

### Do I have to take a Brown Bin?

- ✓ YES – under the Bye-Laws, each household that has a door-to-door waste collection service must accept a Brown Bin from their waste collector.
- ✓ Failure to use a Brown Bin may result in a fine being issued to you under the penalties set out in the Bye-Laws.

### Why use a Brown Bin?

- ✓ By using a Brown Bin, waste such as food and garden waste will be sent for composting instead of going to landfill.
- ✓ It will reduce our dependence on landfill and contribute to recycling targets.

### How much will it cost?

Under the Bye-Laws, your waste collector must encourage recycling by:

- ✓ Offering a lesser charge for collecting your recycling bin and Brown Bin than your general waste bin.
- ✓ Offering a pay-by-use system such as a pay by tag, pay by lift or pay by weight.
- ✓ You must not be billed by your waste collector more than 3 months in advance of a service.

### When do I leave out by Brown Bin?

- ✓ You waste collector will inform you of the date for your Brown Bin Collection.

### What if I do not use a waste collector?

If you bring your household waste to an authorised landfill facility instead of using an authorised waste collector, you must ensure:

- ✓ Glass and dry recyclables are recycled.
- ✓ Biowaste (which is not composted in your home) must be taken to an authorised facility.
- ✗ General waste must not include the materials above.

### What if I home compost?

- ✓ The cooked fraction of your kitchen waste is still required to be diverted from landfill and cannot be put into your general waste bin.

