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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

# Food Recycling

It really does  
make a difference



Your **Brown bin** will be collected fortnightly on the same day as your **Blue bin** commencing 1 May 2017

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agus Ard Mhacha Theas  
Serving Down  
and South Armagh



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# Why recycle your food waste?

## It's the law

From April 2017, recycling all food waste is a legal requirement no food waste can be disposed of in your Black bin. ALL food waste MUST go into your Brown bin.

## It helps the environment

Food waste that is sent to landfill has a big impact on the environment as it rots and releases methane - a harmful greenhouse gas. Your food waste will be turned into something useful. The food waste you present for recycling is recycled into compost.

## It saves money

It costs twice as much to dispose of food waste in a Black bin, as it does to recycle food waste in a Brown bin. The best thing we can do with our food is eat it but some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable. Food waste must be placed in your Brown bin.



# Recycling your food waste is easy

Only use  
compostable liners



Line your caddy with a compostable liner and place your food waste in it. When not in use please keep your caddy lid closed.

Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top and put it in your outdoor Brown bin.



## TOP TIP

You can place your food waste loose or line your caddy with newspaper instead - whichever works for you.

# What can I put in my Brown bin?

## ✓ YES PLEASE

				
food waste	dairy	fish & egg shells	fruit & vegetables	meat & bones
				<b>TOP TIP</b> You can also recycle small amounts of food contaminated cardboard (torn up) ie pizza boxes, shredded paper and used kitchen roll.
bread & pastries	tea & coffee grounds	garden waste	cold ashes	



After recycling your food waste any spare capacity can be used for small amounts of cold ashes and garden waste.

## ✗ NO THANKS

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Soil or stones
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Oil or liquid fats
- ✗ Packaging of any sort
- ✗ Plant pots

Bins containing the wrong material will NOT be lifted

**REMEMBER:** Packaging should NOT go in your Brown bin. All packaging must be removed and, where recyclable, should be rinsed, squashed and placed in your Blue bin.



# Surprised at the amount of food waste you have?

You could save money by reducing your food waste. Here are some tips and guidance to help you.



For practical advice on how to reduce food waste, and save up to £50 per month on your food bill, visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com)



## Compostable Bin Liners

When recycling food waste you can use compostable liners that bear the 'seedling logo'. Compostable liners are available in many local shops and supermarkets. Please note no other liners are acceptable. Alternatively food may be wrapped in newspaper or placed loose in the Brown bin.




**Make sure your Brown bin is at your normal collection point by 7.30am.**


Customers receiving a Brown bin after 1 May 2017 can begin using the bin immediately and place it out on their next Brown bin collection day.

For more information

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