

How to Prevent Maggots in Your Bin

You will only have a problem with maggots if flies can get to your rubbish. Flies are attracted to the smell of food and other rubbish. They lay their eggs on the rubbish and within 24 hours these eggs hatch into maggots.



How to avoid flies

- There are many things that we can do to help prevent flies being attracted to and breeding in our bins.
- All meat, fish and dairy waste should be wrapped and effectively secured to stop flies laying their eggs before rubbish is placed in the bin.
- Wrapping waste in newspaper and then a supermarket carrier bag provides a very effective barrier. This is only one example of wrapping, use whichever method is best for you.
- Don't leave food out in the kitchen. Eat, cook and store food properly, or place it wrapped in the bin as soon as possible.
- To control flies further you could hang up an insecticidal strip in the kitchen.

What if I still get maggots?

If you do get maggots, you could pour a bleach solution over the contents of your bin, after it has been emptied to try and prevent maggots in the future. Clean and disinfect your bin well.

Looking after your rubbish bin

- It is important to keep your bin clean and ensure that the lid is always properly closed.
- Keep your bin in the shade, out of full sun. Higher temperatures will cause waste to rot quicker and the smell will attract flies.
- Use a bin deodoriser to keep your bin smelling fresh, if the flies can't smell your waste, they won't be attracted to your bin.

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