

# COLLECTIONS

We will collect your food waste every week on the same day as your current waste and recycling collections.

Please put your outside 23L food waste recycling bin with the handle in the locked position at the front boundary of your property for collection.



# Weekly COLLECTIONS

For more information visit [www.recyclebwd.org](http://www.recyclebwd.org)

We'll be holding events to show you how to recycle your food waste. Keep an eye out for more details!

Just put us in your kitchen caddy



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can you recycle me?



## What if I don't produce any food waste?

Remember there is no amount too small. The best thing we can do with our food is enjoy it but some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

## I don't have time to do this – why should I?

It's easy, all you need to do is follow the instructions in this leaflet. It's important to reduce the amount of food waste going into your burgundy bin, because by recycling your food waste you can help generate natural forms of energy!

## I don't have space for the bins, what should I do?

A lot of people find that keeping the kitchen caddy under the sink, next to the kitchen bin or on the work top is practical. And remember you can use your own container if you prefer something more stylish or it fits better in your kitchen. The larger outside food waste recycling bin is still much smaller than your existing bins and should be kept outside.

## Will the food in my bin smell?

Not if you tie up the liners when your kitchen caddy is full and empty it regularly into the outside food waste recycling bin. And remember, we will empty your food waste bin weekly!

## Will the food waste bins attract rodents?

No, your bins have a sealable and lockable lid which will stop rodents getting in.

## If you have any questions please contact

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COMING SOON



# RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE



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## WHY ARE WE MAKING CHANGES?

The Government has instructed Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council to provide households with weekly food waste collections by June 2026. Many councils already provide this service. To begin with, we've chosen 9,000 households to be part of a food waste pilot from April 2025 and your household is one of them!

## HOW WE RECYCLE YOUR FOOD WASTE

Currently, we send your food waste to incineration along with your general household waste. However, once we collect your food waste on its own, it will be able to be transformed into valuable resources through a process called **anaerobic digestion**. This involves breaking down organic material in a sealed vessel using microorganisms, producing two key outputs:

**Biogas:** A renewable energy source that can generate heat or electricity, providing an excellent alternative to fossil fuels.

**Digestate:** A nitrogen-rich fertiliser that can be returned to the soil for agricultural use.



It's better for the environment

The **anaerobic digestion** method is also considered to be carbon neutral.

Your general household waste will continue to be sent to incineration, which drastically reduces waste by up to 95% and lowers the demand for landfills. Landfills generate methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more harmful than carbon dioxide, causing significant environmental impacts. Incineration helps mitigate these issues by reducing waste volume and its associated emissions.

But by recycling your food waste separately and sending it to **anaerobic digestion**, it's a simple way of allowing you and us to be even greener - supporting renewable energy, sustainable farming, and a cleaner environment—together, we can make a difference.



## What can you put in your caddy?

 <b>Dairy</b>	 <b>Meat &amp; bones</b>	 <b>Bread, cakes &amp; pastries</b>	 <b>Tea &amp; coffee grounds</b>
 <b>Fish</b>	 <b>Fruit &amp; veg</b>	 <b>Rice, pasta &amp; beans</b>	 <b>All uneaten food &amp; plate scrapings</b>



## Please don't put these items in your caddy.

 <b>Packaging</b>	 <b>Liquids like milk</b>	 <b>Oil or liquid fat</b>	 <b>Non-food items</b>
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## What you'll receive to help you recycle.



Kitchen caddy



Caddy liners



Outside 23L food waste recycling bin

## Recycling your food has never been easier.



Whenever you need to empty your kitchen caddy, remove the liner, tie the top and pop it in to your outside 23L food waste bin outside for collection.



## Remember to keep recycling household waste.

Here is a quick reminder of what to put in your bins.

