



Waste Aware  
Moray

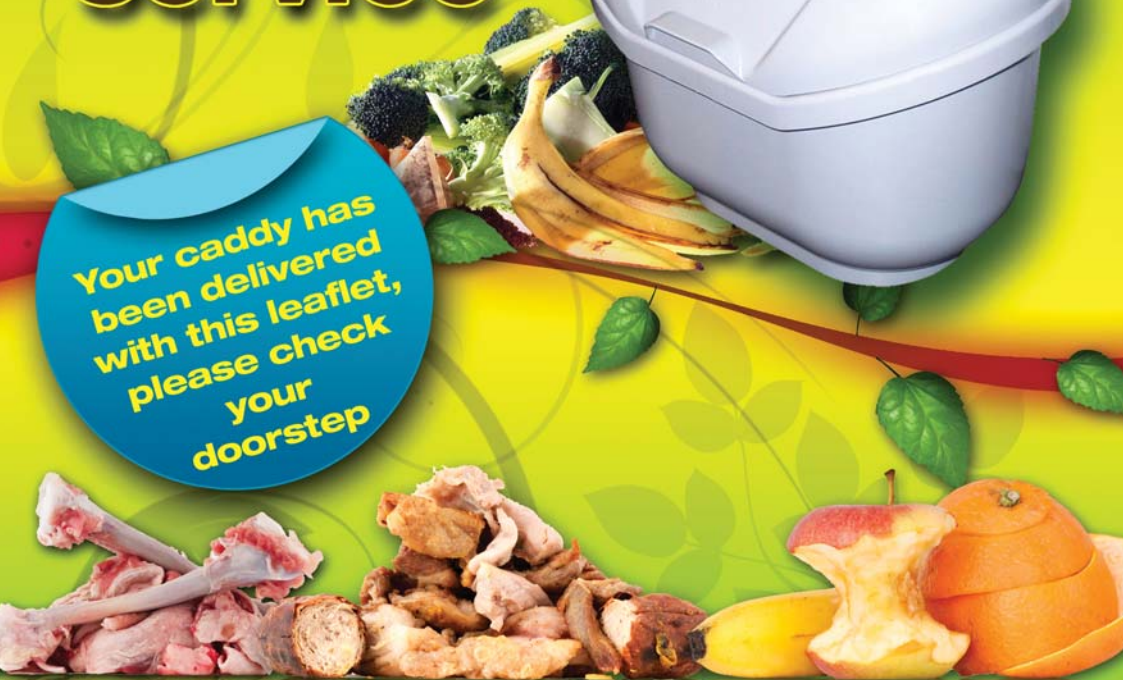


the **moray** council

# Introducing your new food waste collection service



Your caddy has  
been delivered,  
with this leaflet,  
please check  
your  
doorstep





## **What is food waste?**

Food waste comprises of waste generated during the preparation of meals and any food that is not consumed. It includes food waste that is partly used or that would be thrown away.

## **Why are we collecting food waste?**

The Moray Council is introducing a food waste collection service so that you can recycle even more of your waste and at the same time help reduce harmful emissions.

Recent studies have shown that around 33% of an average household waste bin in Scotland consists of food waste.

Disposing of food waste through the current method of landfill produces methane and carbon dioxide, which are major contributors to climate change. It is also becoming more and more expensive to dispose of food waste in this way.

Landfilling waste costs the Council £56 per tonne (from April 2011) in Landfill Tax; this increases £8 each year and is on top of the cost of disposal. Reducing the amount of waste landfilled reduces the cost to the Council, which may help keep Council Tax costs down for householders.

## **What will happen to my food/garden waste?**

The mixed food and garden waste collected from Moray households will be transported to Keenan Recycling Ltd. in Aberdeenshire, where it will be recycled into BSI accredited compost products using state of the art Vertical Composting Units (VCU). This is different from a traditional composting process. Higher temperatures are reached which allows materials such as cooked food, including bones, to be broken down resulting in a safe compost product.

Compost products can be used as an alternative to chemical fertilisers in agriculture, horticulture and landscaping.





## What can be collected?

### Yes Please ✓

All cooked and uncooked food including:

- Fruit & Vegetables
- Beans, Pasta, Rice & Cereals
- Bread, Pastries & Cakes
- Cheese, Yoghurt & Eggs (inc shells)
- Raw & Cooked Meat & Fish (inc bones)
- Tea Bags & Coffee Grounds
- Leftover Snacks & Takeaways
- Pet Food



### No Thanks ✗

- Plastic Bags
- Foil or Cling Film
- Bottles, Cans or Jars
- Packaging of any sort - e.g. cardboard, plastic film





## **When will the collections start?**

Your food waste caddy has been delivered with this leaflet, you can start recycling your food waste straight away!

## **How often will my food waste be collected?**

It will be collected fortnightly on your brown bin collection week. Please check your Waste Collection Calendar, which can also be found on our website [www.moray.gov.uk](http://www.moray.gov.uk). Please ensure that your brown bin is presented at your usual collection point for 7.30am on your collection day.

## **How will these changes affect me?**



Each household currently using a brown bin will receive a 6-litre caddy. This should be emptied into your brown bin when full.



Those households currently receiving the kerbside recycling service that do not have a brown bin will receive a brown 23-litre caddy which should be presented as if it were a brown bin.

Recycling your food waste will mean you will have more room in your green residual waste bin.

If you have an additional green wheeled bin and find you no longer need it, please call the Waste Hotline on 01343 557045 or email [waste@moray.gov.uk](mailto:waste@moray.gov.uk) to arrange for its removal.





## How do I keep my caddy clean?

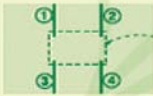
You can line your caddy with newspaper/paper or you can use compostable bags. We also suggest that you rinse your caddy regularly. The newspaper used to wrap your food waste can go into your brown bin/caddy along with your food waste.

### Lining your kitchen caddy

#### Step 1

Place the kitchen caddy onto two sheets of newspaper.  
(or one sheet folded if it is a broadsheet paper)  
Cut or tear 4 lines as shown

Cut/tear in  
4 places



area  
represents bin  
bottom



#### Step 2

Fold the centre  
parts inwards



Trim



#### Step 4

After Step 3 your liner may be a bit creased. This is normal. It is a good idea to trim off excess paper hanging over the edge of the caddy so that the lid is able to close properly.

#### Step 3

Bring the outer parts **(B & C)** inwards and place **(A)** down into the caddy.  
**(B & C)** should now be the walls of the liner and **(A)** is the bottom.



#### Extra step

For extra  
absorbancy



Fold a sheet as above.  
Place inside and tuck the excess  
inside the caddy.





## What are compostable bags and where can I get them?

Please only use compostable bags, **biodegradable bags and plastic bags cannot be accepted**. Compostable bags are usually made from corn starch or similar organic material that completely dissolves leaving no residue. Biodegradable bags are not suitable as although they do eventually biodegrade, they will not necessarily disappear completely and may take several decades to do so.



***You must use liners that carry the seedling logo and/or are certified to BS EN 13432 standard.***

Compostable bags can be purchased from all major supermarkets or online.

A distribution network has also been set up with some local retailers; please see [www.simplyrecycling.co.uk](http://www.simplyrecycling.co.uk) for further details.

## What happens if I use plastic or biodegradable bags?

We will be unable to empty your bin/caddy. You will be asked to remove the bags from your bin before your next collection day. The composting facility we use is subject to strict legislation regarding what can and what cannot be composted. If plastic or general waste is mixed in with the food and garden waste, the load is contaminated and will be rejected by the composting facility. It must then be sent to landfill.

## Will the food waste attract vermin?

For those households with a brown bin, your food waste will still be contained in a wheeled bin as before, the only change is it will be your brown bin instead of your green bin. The brown 23-litre caddy supplied to those households that do not have a brown bin has a locking handle, as long as the caddy remains closed, vermin should not be attracted.

Further information on the new food waste collection service can be obtained by calling the Waste Hotline on 01343 557045 or emailing [waste@moray.gov.uk](mailto:waste@moray.gov.uk).





## Can I reduce my food waste?

Although collecting food waste for recycling is better environmentally than landfilling it, the very best way to deal with food waste is not to create it in the first place.



The Love Food Hate Waste campaign is the 'Waste Not Want Not' of the modern day, providing recipes for using up leftovers and handy tips and advice to help all of us waste less food.

Most of us don't realise the amount of food that we throw away. It is estimated that over a third of the food we buy in Scotland is thrown directly in the bin and over two thirds of this could have been eaten.

That means over £1 billion worth of food is wasted by consumers in Scotland each year. That's an average of £430 per household!

When we waste food, we also waste the energy, water and packaging involved in producing, transporting and storing the food.

Landfilling food waste is a major contributor to climate change. If we stopped wasting all this food, we could prevent the equivalent of 1.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year in Scotland. This is the same as taking 1 in 4 cars off the road.

## You can reduce the amount of food that you waste by

- writing a list before you go shopping
- only buying multi-buys or 'buy one get one free' if the extra one will be used
- storing your food correctly
- keeping an eye on food packaging 'use by' and 'best before' dates
- measuring the correct portions when cooking to avoid leftovers
- using leftovers for lunch the next day, or to cook another tasty meal





## Food Waste Facts

- Over £1 billion worth of food is wasted by consumers in Scotland each year. That's an average of £430 per household.
- Scottish households throw away 566,000 tonnes of food every year.
- Two thirds of all food waste could have been eaten.
- Half of the good food thrown away is untouched, with one in seven items still in their packaging.
- At least £18 million worth of food thrown out is still in date.
- If we stopped wasting all this food, we could prevent the equivalent of 1.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year in Scotland. This is the same as taking 1 in 4 cars off the road

For further information on reducing your food waste, including meal planners, delicious recipe ideas and money saving tips, please visit the Waste Aware Love Food Hate Waste website at [www.wasteawarelovefood.org.uk](http://www.wasteawarelovefood.org.uk).

You can also download the Love Food Hate Waste App - available from the Android Market or iPhone App Store.

