

Food recycling in central Bath

Using your new on-street bin

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You can now recycle food waste

You can now join the thousands of Bath residents who recycle their food waste. We have provided you with a 5L kitchen caddy and installed on-street food recycling bins in the following locations:

- **Broad Street** corner of Saracen Street
- **Westgate Street** opposite Parsonage Lane
- **Cheap Street** corner of Union Passage
- **Bridewell Lane** corner of Westgate Street

Why recycle food waste?

Food makes up about a third of the weight in the average black bin — disposing of it is expensive and wastes a valuable resource. When recycled, your food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility in Wiltshire to produce biogas for renewable energy and a biofertiliser used on local farmland.



How to use your caddy and on-street food recycling bin:

1. Line your caddy with a plastic bag, compostable liner or newspaper (no black bags or bags for life).
2. Collect all food waste in your caddy.
3. When your caddy is full, ensure the food is securely wrapped and take it to your nearest on-street food bin.
4. Lift the lid of the food bin using the foot pedal and put your food waste inside.
5. Rinse your caddy regularly to keep it clean.

Tip: Line your caddy with old bread or cereal bags to save on buying liners.

What can I put in my caddy?

You can recycle all of your food waste, including the following:

- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs



- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Bones



- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



- ✓ Raw vegetables
- ✓ Cooked vegetables
- ✓ Whole fruit
- ✓ Peelings



- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Cooked fish
- ✓ Bones



- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Beans



Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging.

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy:

- ✗ Packaging of any kind
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste



How often will the on-street bin be emptied?

Once per week. If you think it has been missed, contact us on the details below.

What if I don't produce any food waste?

Remember there is no amount too small. Even if you ensure you use all of your food, some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable and these can all be recycled.

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

A lot of people find that keeping it under the sink, next to the kitchen bin or on the work top is practical. You can also use your own container if you prefer.

Won't the bin smell?

If you line your caddy and empty it regularly into the on-street food waste bin, then it should not smell. The on-street food bin lid auto closes and seals, which stops smells coming out and vermin getting in.



If you have any queries about the new service, email:
Council_Connect@bathnes.gov.uk

or phone: **01225 394041**

Order a box, bag or bin for more green bags for dry mixed recycling or a caddy.