

Food recycling is powerful stuff

Across Kent, recycling food creates enough energy to power 3,000 homes.



**Free
caddy liners**
to say thank you
for recycling your
food waste or
to help you get
started

Do you know how hard we make your food waste work?

When you recycle, your food waste goes to Blaise Farm Quarry near Maidstone, where a natural process breaks it down, producing fertiliser for local farms and biogas. This gas not only fuels the recycling plant itself, it also feeds the national grid to power over 3,000 homes each year!

Although it is best to use what we buy, recycling unavoidable food waste saves energy compared to disposing of it with mixed rubbish. So the more food that we recycle, the better it is for the environment.

Food recycling also helps keep your rubbish bin fresh. Caddies are collected weekly and are easy to clean and rinse.

How is it recycled?



It's easy to recycle food

Most people keep a container or small caddy indoors and scrape plates into that, instead of into their rubbish bin. When their indoor caddy is full, they transfer it into their outdoor caddy.

Have a look for any caddies that have been stored out of sight. If you do not have them, you can order an indoor caddy and free outdoor caddy here:

www.ashford.gov.uk/waste



Indoor Caddy



Outdoor Caddy

Using your food recycling collection



1. Line an indoor caddy, or container with one of the free caddy liners and put your food waste in here.



2. Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the bag and put it in your outdoor food recycling caddy.



3. Remember your food recycling caddy comes with a lockable handle. Please put your food recycling out for collection by 6am every week on your normal collection day.

Feed your caddy not the bin

No amount of food waste is too small and you can place items in your caddy that can't be composted in your garden, like meat and bones.

Recycling food can also help you start to reduce your food waste and save money as you become more aware of what is not getting eaten.

What can I put in my caddy?

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



food waste

Remember

Remove mouldy or out of date food from the packaging before placing it in your caddy.

dairy	fish	fruit & vegetables	meat & bones	bread & pastries	plastic-free tea bags	rice, pasta & beans

Place any raw or cooked food in your caddy. You can even scrape uneaten food straight into your caddy.

If you need more liners, you can find compostable liners in all supermarkets next to other bin bags, or you can use newspaper to line your indoor caddy.

Don't forget your green garden waste can be recycled separately too, more details here www.ashford.gov.uk/garden-waste