



## Press Release

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### Food waste recycling rolling out in Fenland this September

Residents across Fenland will soon be able to recycle their food waste, with Fenland District Council's new weekly food waste collections launching from Monday 7 September.

To help households get ready, deliveries of new food waste caddies will begin next week, from Monday 13 July, and continue for around six weeks.

To find out when we'll be delivering in your area, visit: [fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste](https://fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste)

More than 90,000 caddies will be delivered to over 45,000 homes across the district as part of the rollout, so please be patient with crews as they complete the deliveries.

Every household will receive:

- **A 5-litre indoor caddy** – for collecting food waste in the kitchen
- **A roll of caddy liners** – to make the process easier and help keep the caddy clean
- **A larger 23-litre outdoor caddy** – to place out for weekly collection
- **An instruction leaflet** – explaining how to use the new service

This first phase of household deliveries is expected to be complete by the end of August. If you are going to be away on holiday during the delivery period, please ask a neighbour to keep your caddies safe for you.

Residents can start using their caddies the week commencing 31 August, a week before collections begin on 7 September.

Caddy deliveries to town centre flats and communal properties will form phase two of the service rollout later this year and will be tailored to the needs of each property.

The food waste recycling service is being introduced in Fenland to meet new national legislation, requiring all councils to provide separate food waste collections.

The Government has also provided funding for the service – including the food waste caddies, new specialist collection vehicles and additional staffing – ensuring there's no strain on local taxpayers.

The service was originally due to launch in June 2026 but had to be pushed back due to national delays in the manufacturing and delivery of specialist food waste vehicles. This was driven by high demand from councils across the country introducing similar services.

Once the service launches in September, food waste will be collected every week on the same day as residents' current blue and green bin collections, making it easy to remember and take part.

Weekly collections also mean more space in your green bin and fewer smells, as food waste will no longer sit in green bins for longer periods.

Recycling food waste is also better for the environment. Instead of being sent to landfill or energy from waste plants, collected food waste is transformed into clean energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser for local farms.

Cllr Steve Tierney, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling, said the new food waste collections are a win-win for residents.

"We already have a fantastic waste and recycling service here in Fenland, and these new food waste collections will make it even better," he said. "Around a third of the waste that currently goes in our green bins is food waste – much of which can be recycled."

"By introducing free weekly collections, we're not only meeting national legislation, but helping people recycle their food waste in an environmentally friendly way while freeing up space in their green bins. The service is completely optional too. Residents can decide whether to take part, but we're confident everyone will enjoy the benefits."

"An information leaflet will be included in the food waste caddies to help people understand the new service and there's lots of information on our website too."

For more information on the food waste recycling service, including what can go in your caddies and other frequently asked questions, visit: [fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste](https://fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste)

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