



Press Release

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Residents recycle 44 tonnes of food waste in first week of service

Residents kept 44 tonnes of food waste out of landfill and energy from waste plants in just one week, by taking part in Fenland District Council's new weekly food waste recycling service.

That's roughly the weight of four double-decker buses, highlighting the difference made in just a few days!

Phase One of the service rollout began on Monday 7 September, with the majority of households across the district using their caddies and helping make the launch a great success.

Phase Two of the service rollout – for town centre flats and communal properties – will begin later this winter, so that caddies, communal food waste bins and collection arrangements can be tailored to the needs of each property.

Food waste collected through the new service is sent for anaerobic digestion, where it is turned into energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser to support local farming. Recycling food waste also brings benefits at home, with more space in green bins and fewer smells, as food waste is no longer sitting in waste bins for longer periods.

As crews get used to the new service, a small number of food waste caddies may be missed. If this happens, residents are encouraged to report it through the Council website (fenland.gov.uk/missedback) so collections can be rearranged.

Before reporting a missed bin, please remember caddies are collected separately by dedicated vehicles, so they may be picked up at a different time of day to your blue and green bins. Please leave your caddy out until it's collected.

Cllr Steve Tierney, the Council's Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling, said: "This is a fantastic start and a real community effort. Collecting over 60 tonnes in the first week shows just how committed Fenland residents are to recycling their waste and turning it into something useful, rather than sending it to landfill and energy from waste. Thank you to everyone who has taken part so far."

The new service has been introduced to meet national Government legislation, which requires all councils to provide separate weekly food waste collections. The

rollout has been funded by Government, including the purchase of dedicated food waste vehicles and the caddies and liners for residents.

For more information on the service, and helpful FAQs, visit:

fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste

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