



Press Release

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Fenland's food waste recycling service expands to more homes

More households will soon be able to benefit from Fenland District Council's new food waste recycling service, with the next phase of the rollout beginning next week.

The expansion follows a strong start to the service across the district. Since collections began for Phase One households on 7 September, residents have recycled **more than 204 tonnes of food waste in the first month alone**.

That's roughly the weight of 18 double-decker buses, highlighting the difference made already!

Phase Two of the service, which covers town centre flats and communal properties, will be delivered in three stages: 2a, 2b and 2c, with more than 400 homes in Phase 2a set to receive their caddies from Wednesday 14 October.

Residents can check whether their street is included in Phase 2a at: www.fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste. The remaining properties in Phase Two will receive the service early in the new year.

Residents receiving caddies next week can start using them straight away, ready for their first collections the following week (week commencing 19 October).

Phase Two is being delivered in stages to ensure collection arrangements, caddies and communal food waste bins can be tailored to the needs of individual properties.

Cllr Steve Tierney, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling, said: "It's great to see how positively residents have responded to the new food waste recycling service. Many households are already making food waste recycling part of their weekly routine and helping to make a real difference.

"We're now looking forward to bringing the service to more residents as we begin Phase Two. Because flats and communal properties have different requirements, we're rolling the service out in stages to make sure we provide collection arrangements that work well for each location."

The Council is encouraging residents included in Phase 2a to look out for an instruction leaflet supplied with their caddies and begin using the service as soon as they receive them.

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. The service 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.

The service has been introduced in Fenland in response to national Government legislation requiring all councils to provide separate weekly food waste collections. The rollout, including caddies, liners, and specialist food waste vehicles, has been funded by Government.

For more information on the service, and helpful FAQs, visit:
www.fenland.gov.uk/foodwaste

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