

# Let's sort it!



Your guide to  
getting food  
and garden  
recycling right

 Royal Greenwich recycles

  
ROYAL *borough of*  
GREENWICH

# YES PLEASE



The green top bin can only be used for organic and compostable material from your kitchen and garden. The council can provide you with a free kitchen caddy for your food waste. The caddy can be lined with newspaper or bags made from paper or cornstarch.

**Look for the seed logo to check you are using the correct cornstarch bags!**



## FROM THE KITCHEN OR HOME



**MEAT, BONES AND EGGSHELLS**



**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PEELINGS**



**MOULDY OR OUT-OF-DATE FOOD**



**LEFTOVERS AND PLATE SCRAPINGS**



**TEA BAGS AND COFFEE GROUNDS**



**INDOOR PLANTS AND FLOWERS**



To purchase bags or order your free caddy, please visit [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/orderwastebags](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/orderwastebags)

## FROM THE GARDEN



**GRASS AND SHRUB CUTTINGS**



**FLOWERS AND PLANTS**



**LEAVES AND WEEDS**



**SMALL BRANCHES**



**WASTE FROM PETS THAT HAVE A PLANT DIET**



**STRAW, SAWDUST AND HAY**

# NO THANKS



If you put the wrong type of waste in the food and garden recycling bin then you will be causing contamination. When this happens, it means everything else in the bin can no longer be treated as compostable waste.

Below are the items that must not go in the green top recycling bin. Please see our website for more information on what to do with different types of waste: [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recycling](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recycling)

## FROM THE KITCHEN OR HOME



**COOKING OIL**



**BIODEGRADABLE OR PLASTIC BAGS**



**FOOD PACKAGING**



**WOODEN FURNITURE**

## FROM THE GARDEN



**SOIL AND RUBBLE**



**WOOD**



**LARGE BRANCHES**



**WASTE FROM PETS THAT HAVE A MEAT DIET**



For large household items, you can use our bulky collection service. For more information visit [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bulkywaste) Alternatively, why not use our Reuse and Recycling Centre? Find out more at [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recyclingcentre](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/recyclingcentre)

# GOOD TO KNOW

## COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING

There is now more packaging available which claims to be compostable, such as coffee cups, cutlery, coffee pods and bioplastic. **We cannot accept these items with your food and garden waste**, as it is difficult for us to be certain whether they are made of material that can be accepted by our reprocessor. Please do not put these in your green top bin, they should go in your black top bin instead.

## What happens to my food and garden waste?

All food and garden waste collected from green top bins in Royal Greenwich is turned into agricultural soil improver. This means your food and garden waste can eventually be used to grow more food!



## DON'T HAVE A GREEN TOP BIN BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE?

Please call our Contact Centre on **020 8921 4661** and we will carry out an assessment to see if we are able to collect food and garden waste from your property.

## LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE

It is estimated that about a quarter of the food we buy is thrown away. That's one in every four bags of shopping you buy – or the equivalent of £60 a month – for the average family.

Visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com) for tips on how to avoid food waste and save money!