

Dear resident,

From Autumn 2026, Fylde Council is introducing a weekly food waste recycling collection service. This is part of the Government's Simpler Recycling legislation, supporting efforts to improve recycling rates and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the UK.

What you will receive

- A 5-litre kitchen caddy for collecting food waste indoors (sealable and lockable)
- Kitchen caddy liners
- A 23-litre kerbside caddy for presenting your food waste outside on collection day (for houses - multi-occupancy premises will have alternative arrangements)
- An information leaflet on how to use the service

For residents in flats or multi-occupancy premises: You will receive kitchen caddies in your communal area or bin stores. Alternative arrangements will be made for kerbside collection.

Simply collect your food waste in your kitchen caddy - including leftovers, peelings, tea bags, meat, fish, bones, pet food, and all other food scraps. When the liner is full, tie it and place it in your outdoor kerbside caddy ready for weekly collection.

Start of the service

Collections will take place on the same day as your other recycling and waste collections, starting in **Autumn 2026**. Specific start dates for your area will be confirmed closer to the launch. Please do not use your food waste caddies until your service has officially started.

Following resident feedback, we're pleased to confirm that your grey and brown bins will continue to be used exactly as they are now. There is no need to make any changes to how you currently use your bins. This new food waste service is simply an additional collection to help you recycle more.

Doing our bit

When you recycle your food waste, it's turned into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser through anaerobic digestion. This helps us:

- Reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions
- Keep your general waste bin cleaner and less full
- Increase Fylde's recycling rates towards the national 65% target

For full details about what can go in your food waste caddy, how to order replacement liners, and answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.fylde.gov.uk/foodwaste

If you have any questions about the service, please contact us at listening@fylde.gov.uk

Let's work together to protect our environment!

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Michelle Morris

Lead Member for Customer and Operational Services

Frequently Asked Questions

When exactly will my collections start?

Your food waste collections will begin in Autumn 2026. You'll receive a letter confirming your specific start date when your caddy is delivered later this summer.

Will my general and recycling bin collections change?

No. Following resident feedback, your grey, blue and brown wheeled bins will continue to be used exactly as they are now – no changes needed. The food waste collection is simply an additional service to help you recycle more.

Do I have to take part?

The service is being introduced as part of the Government's Simpler Recycling legislation. We encourage all residents to participate to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase recycling rates across Fylde.

What can I put in my food waste caddy?

You can recycle all food waste, including:

- Leftovers and plate scrapings
- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat, fish and bones (raw and cooked)
- Dairy products
- Eggs
- Bread, cakes and pastries
- Pasta, rice and beans
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Wet and dry pet food

Please do not place packaging, liquids such as milk or oil, garden waste or pet waste in the food waste caddies.

Will it smell?

Using the caddy liners provided and keeping the lid closed will help keep smells to a minimum. We recommend rinsing your kitchen caddy regularly with hot soapy water and allowing it to air dry. Your kerbside caddy can be stored outside until collection day.

What if I don't have space for the caddies?

The 5-litre kitchen caddy is compact and designed to fit under your sink, on your worktop, or next to your existing bins. The 23-litre kerbside caddy can be stored in any convenient outdoor space.

How do I get more caddy liners?

Liners will be provided when your caddy is delivered. Once the service begins, signal to our collection crews that you need more liners by tying the last one around your caddy handle on collection day.

I already compost at home - do I still need to use this service?

That's great! You can continue composting garden and vegetable waste while using your food waste caddy for items that can't go in a home composter, such as meat, fish, bones and pet food.

What happens to my food waste after collection?

Your food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility where it's converted into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser - a much better outcome than it ending up in general waste.

Where can I find out more?

Full details are available at www.fylde.gov.uk/foodwaste or by scanning the QR code.

