Flats Recycling Service

Did you know about the compostable waste bins at your flats?

Start recycling today – it’s easy!
For more information on your flats recycling service visit
www.cambridge.gov.uk/recycling or contact us on
wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 458282

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Kitchen caddies

Kitchen caddies are small buckets with lids which can be used to collect food waste in your kitchen so you can carry it to the green bins. Caddies are available free from council receptions at:

- Mandela House (4 Regent Street)
- Mill Road Depot (by the bridge)
- City Homes North (171 Arbury Road)
- City Homes South (89 Cherry Hinton Road)

Please take proof of your address as they are for Cambridge residents only.

Paper bag liners for the caddies are also available from the above locations. These cost £2.80 for a pack of 50. Only one pack per customer will be sold per visit. Liners can also be posted at extra cost – contact us for details.

Alternatively you can use newspaper to line your caddy.

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Your compostable waste service
Your block of flats has been provided with green bins for compostable waste. The bins will either be located in or near your existing bin store with the rubbish or recycling bins or at a separate chosen area on site.

The bins are for you to share with your neighbours - please use them properly and look after them. If the wrong items are put into the bins it may not be possible to compost any of the contents and the bins may have to be removed.

The compostable waste bins are emptied fortnightly, usually on the same day as the green bins of houses nearby.

What happens to the compostable waste?
The contents of the green bins are taken to a facility near Waterbeach where they are composted to make soil improver. The soil improver is available to the public to collect free of charge from the site, or can be bought in bags from Recycling Centres. The closest Recycling Centres are off the A10 near Milton or off the A505 near Thriplow, or use our bulky waste collection service.

Please do:
- Remove items from plastic bags before putting them in the bins
- Wrap food waste in paper to help keep bins cleaner
- Break down large pieces of cardboard*

Please don’t:
- Use the bins to dispose of general household rubbish
- Contaminate the bins with the wrong items
- Leave bags next to or on top of the bins
- Dump household items in the bin store or block access to the bins. Please take large household items to the Recycling Centres either off the A10 near Milton or off the A505 near Thriplow, or use our bulky waste collection service.

What can go in your compostable waste bins?

Yes please:
- Shredded paper
- All food waste
- Dead flowers/houseplants
- Garden waste
- Untreated wood & sawdust
- Cardboard*

No thanks:
- Non-compostable items
- Plastic and plastic bags (including biodegradable or corn starch)
- Nappies
- Soil or stones
- Painted or treated wood
- Cat or dog waste
- Drink/soup cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak)
- Clothing or textiles

*If you have bins for mixed recycling (rather than separate recycling bins for cans, paper, glass etc) please put cardboard in these for recycling. If not, cardboard (except for drink cartons) can be put in the green bins.

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