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FOR EVERYONE LIVING IN THE STIRLING COUNCIL AREA

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“Collecting food waste separately keeps your grey bin free from the waste that goes off quickly.”

STIRLING RESIDENT RONA GRANT IS SUPPORTING THE NEW FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS.

## A food waste set-up to suit you... and your kitchen

GOT YOUR FOOD WASTE CADDY YET? ALMOST HALF THE HOMES IN STIRLING COUNCIL ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR A WEEKLY FOOD WASTE COLLECTION - AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ONE BY EARLY 2010.



(ABOVE)  
UNDER THE SINK;  
(BELOW) OR  
OUTSIDE THE  
BACK DOOR - IT'S  
YOUR CHOICE.



“It only takes a few seconds a day to collect your food waste as you’re cooking or clearing up.”

If you don’t already have a food waste caddy, one will be left in your blue recycling box when they are distributed to your area, so please put your box out every week. Otherwise, you can ring us and we’ll deliver one.

Please line your caddy with a biodegradable liner (we’ll supply some with your caddy to help you get started) or newspaper, and pop in peelings, cores, leftover meat, bones and skin, used tea bags and coffee grounds – even pet food. Leave it out for collection each week in your blue recycling box.

“Collecting food waste as you’re cooking and tidying up after mealtimes only takes a few seconds a day,” says Waste Projects and Communications Team Leader Jim McBrier.

“It’s really a win-win. You’re keeping your grey bin free from the waste that goes off quickly and starts getting smelly, and the food waste collected goes to make great compost instead of being buried in landfill and breaking down to release noxious gases that are dramatically affecting our climate.”

When you get your caddy you might want to try out a few set-ups in your kitchen to see what feels right.

“Some people like to keep the caddy handy beside them as they cook and then tuck it out of the way under the sink when it’s not in use,” continues Jim. “Or you might prefer storing it outside the back door if you’ve got one, and just keeping a small plastic



**WASTE COLLECTIONS**  
 RED CIRCLE SHOWS APPROXIMATE AREA OF URBAN ROUTES. OTHER AREAS ARE ON RURAL ROUTES.

tub with a lid or a mini counter-top bin out to collect the waste. You can then just empty it into the caddy each day. It's quick, easy and clean.

"It's all about finding a set-up that suits you best and that you feel comfortable with. We'll help all we can with information, advice and suggestions."



**FESTIVE SEASON RECYCLING AND WASTE REMINDERS**

Christmas and New Year's Day are both on Friday this year. Households that would normally have their brown or grey bins, kerbside boxes and food waste caddies collected on Friday 25 Dec or 1 Jan will have them uplifted two days later on Sunday instead. All other collections will be on the normal day, as usual.

Once the festivities are over, please remember:

- wrapping paper and Christmas cards in the blue box
- real Christmas trees cut up into pieces and leave in your brown bin, with the bin lid shut.

Thank you for recycling.

**FOCUS FACTS**

- Twenty liners are supplied free with your kitchen caddy. If you run out and would like to keep using them, 100% biodegradable liners are on sale in local shops and supermarkets and available online. Look for the 100% biodegradable symbol (shown below). Check Stirling Council website for a list of suppliers.
- We can't accept food waste in plastic carrier bags. They can't be composted and will contaminate the load.
- Newspaper makes a good lining for your caddy, as it is biodegradable.



Keep this handy calendar on your kitchen noticeboard or fridge door to remind you whether it's a grey or brown bin week. You don't need to wait until the New Year to start using it, as December 09 is included.

Blue recycling boxes and food waste caddies are collected every week.

There are **two versions** of the calendar – one for everyone living on the **urban collection** route (which is mainly Stirling city, Bridge of Allan and Dunblane) and one if you live on the **rural route** which covers the rest of the Council area.

If you're not sure which route you're on, just enter your postcode at [www.stirling.gov.uk/my/bins](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/my/bins) or give us a ring on 0845 277 7000 to check.

We've included both versions because this is the most economic way to get the correct information to everyone.

For a reminder about which materials go in which container please see the back of your calendar.

