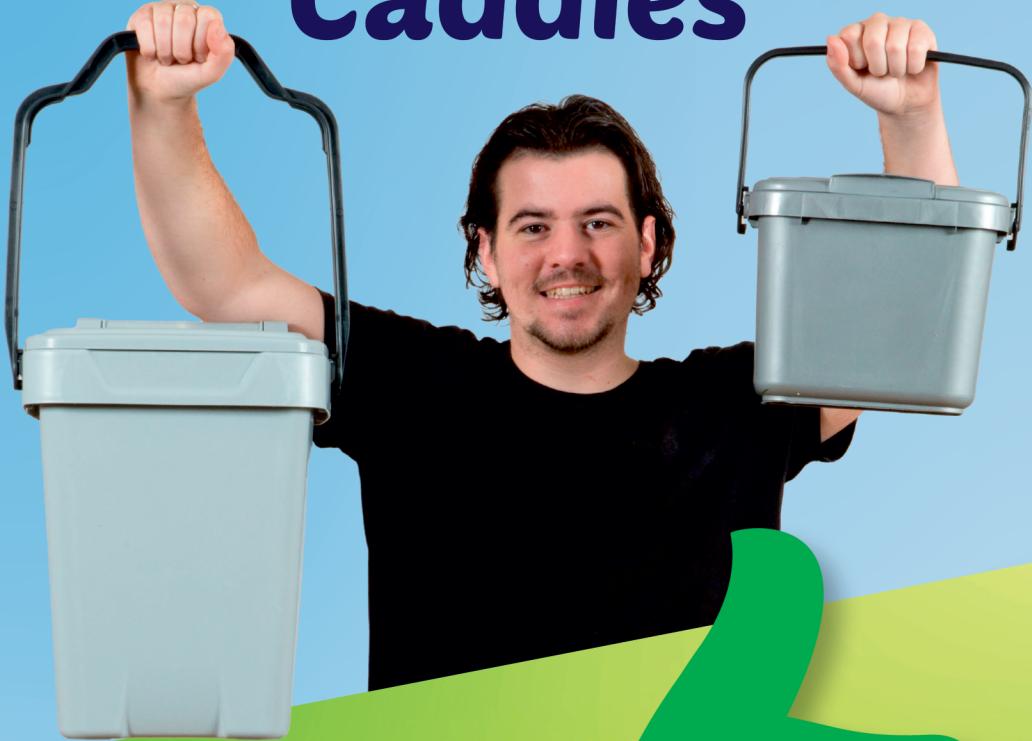


# Welcome to your new Food Waste Caddies



Food waste  
collections  
start  
**June 2026.**  
See inside for  
more information

**Better  
Recycling**  
IS COMING TO  
**SUFFOLK**

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# What have you got?

You should have received two caddies. The smaller caddy is to store your food waste inside the home. This food waste can then be transferred to the larger caddy, kept outside.



We've also popped in a free roll of caddy liners to get you started.



## Live in a flat?

If you live in a flat or share recycling and waste services with others, you may only receive the smaller caddy. A new food waste bin will be provided for you to share with your neighbours.



# What are they for?

You can put any type of food waste in the food waste caddies, cooked or uncooked, bones, peelings, cakes, mouldy bread, gone off-cheese and more.



**Leftovers**



**Veg and fruit  
peelings and cores**



**Meat, fish & bones;  
cooked or uncooked**



**Coffee grounds  
and tea bags**



**Egg shells, cheese  
and salad**



**Out of date /  
mouldy food**



**ONLY food waste and caddy liners must go in the caddies.  
If you include other things, we may not be able to empty it.**



**No packaging of any kind**



**No oils and liquid fats**



**No milk and other liquids**

# How to use them

1



Whilst you don't have to line the caddy, doing so will keep the caddy cleaner and will be easier to transfer the food waste to the larger caddy.

We've provided you a free roll of compostable liners and replacements can be purchased from supermarkets.

2



Place your food waste into the small caddy inside your home.

3



Tie a knot in the bag and transfer to the larger caddy outside. Don't let the caddy get too full!

4



On the larger caddy, pull the handle forward until you hear a click to keep the lid securely shut.



**IMPORTANT!** Please don't start using your caddies until the start of the new service in June. We'll send you further details nearer the time. In the meantime, please store your caddies somewhere safe.



# What happens to it?

Each year in Suffolk, we throw over 50,000 tonnes of food into our rubbish bins! This is not only the leftovers on our plates, but lots of other things such as veg peelings, fruit cores, meat and dairy products, tea bags and food that has gone out of date.

*Did you know the average family of four could save around £1000 a year if they used up all the food they buy?*

We know it's very difficult to stop all waste, so that's why we are introducing a new food waste collection. This food recycling will be collected by your Council's recycling and waste crews and delivered to a facility in Suffolk where two products are made:

- **Biogas** is used to generate natural forms of energy, such as gas, electricity and carbon dioxide, reducing our need for fossil fuels.
- **Biofertiliser** is a nutrient rich fertiliser which will be spread on farmers' fields across East Anglia.

The food waste recycling service is one of several changes being made to recycling and waste services across Suffolk in 2026, designed to make it easier for everyone to recycle more.



## What next?

Keep your new food waste caddies somewhere safe so they're ready for use when the new service starts. We'll let you know when to start using them.

**In the meantime, please keep using the current recycling and waste services as you do at the moment.**



You can keep up to date by following us on social media; search for **@suffolkrecycles**

You can find out more information at **[www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk)**

If you need information in a different format, such as accessible PDF or large print, please contact your local District or Borough Council's customer service team.

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