



HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTE SEGREGATION YOUR BROWN BIN...

As part of the implementation of the Household Food Waste Regulations, waste contractors are introducing brown bins to householders nationwide on a phased basis, starting with large cities and towns and culminating by July 2016 in agglomerations of up to 500 people.



Coffee grounds
& tea bags



Fruit & vegetables



Paper towels
& napkins



Bread & baked
goods



Plate scrapings &
food scraps



Shellfish & bones



Egg & dairy products



Meat, poultry & fish



Grains & cereals



**YOUR BROWN
BIN CAN TAKE ALL
THESE ITEMS**



HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTE SEGREGATION

Brown bins are being introduced to ensure compliance with the Household Food Waste and Bio-Waste Regulations. These regulations impose obligations on both the waste collectors and householders in relation to food waste arising within the household sector. Waste collectors are obliged to provide a separate collection service for household food waste and householders are obliged to segregate household food waste and

keep it separate from other non-biodegradable waste.

When food waste is collected by your waste contractor from your home, it is brought to an authorised treatment facility for processing. Food waste and bio-waste is a resource that can be processed at either a composting or anaerobic digestion facility to produce different grades of compost or digestate.

Practical Tips When Using Your Brown Bin

- Ensure that the lid is closed at all times
- Wrap food in old newspaper or line bins with an approved liner
- Ensure bin is presented for collection regularly
- Wash out the bin regularly



What Must I Do With My Food Waste?

Once you have segregated your food waste you may either:

- Present it in your brown bin for collection by an authorised waste collector
- Subject the food waste to a home composting process on your premises
- Bring the food waste to an authorised facility

- If you compost at home, all reasonable steps must be taken to minimise the creation of odours and nuisance.
- If you currently compost peels, fruit etc. at home, you should continue to do so, as this is a great way to deal with a portion of your waste.
- There are a number of compostable

bin and caddy liners available that can be used in your bin if desired, however you should check with your waste contractor if it is ok to use these. Some composting processes do not allow any type of liners.

- Please check with your waste collector as to whether or not bio-waste such as grass, clippings etc.

are accepted by your service provider.

- If you would like to avail of a brown bin but live in an area excluded as detailed in the regulations you should contact your waste collector to establish if they can provide a service to you. Alternatively, home composting can be a viable option.

Food Waste Prevention

Irish households throw out on average €700 worth of food as waste every year, mostly made up of bread, vegetables, fruit, pasta and rice. Be vigilant and don't add to the food waste mountain.



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