

# Kerbside Recycling- Blue Food Waste Bin Scheme

## What can go in my blue food waste bin?

- ✓ Bread, biscuits and pastries
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Fish (including bones)
- ✓ Meat (including bones)
- ✓ Tea & coffee grounds
- ✓ Fruit & vegetables (including peelings)
- ✓ Noodles, rice and pasta
- ✓ Eggs (including the shells)
- ✓ Leftovers and plate scrapings
- ✓ Out of date food (please remove packaging)



## Using your blue food waste bin

The most environmentally friendly way to dispose of your food waste is to wrap it in sheets of newspaper to create individual 'parcels'. These can then be placed directly into the bin. If you prefer to use bags then please ensure that these are compostable liners. Please see the separate information sheet 'Keeping your food waste collection bin tidy' for specific details. Please ensure that out of date food is removed from all packaging before being placed in the bin.

## Rejected Bins

Blue food waste bins are occasionally rejected (i.e. left uncollected) because they contain items which cannot be composted, such as:

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| <b>x</b> Plastic shopping carrier bags of any kind    | <b>x</b> Polystyrene                             |
| <b>x</b> Garden waste                                 | <b>x</b> Liquids such as cooking oil, milk, etc. |
| <b>x</b> Cat, dog or other animal faeces & pet litter | <b>x</b> Any materials suitable for recycling    |

If your blue bin is rejected and a hanger placed on it, please remove the unwanted item(s) and the hanger, and present your blue bin again on your next scheduled collection day.

## Missed Collection

If your blue food waste bin was correctly presented but was not collected please let us know as soon as possible. You can report a missed collection using the online form at [www.southend.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.southend.gov.uk/recycling) or by calling us on 01702 215006.