

Household Food Waste Service February 2026

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Simpler Recycling

The Government announced a number of major changes through the introduction of the **Environmental Act 2021** which will affect how waste and recycling is managed in England, and how these services are funded across the UK.

Simpler recycling, requires all local authorities in England to collect the same recyclable waste streams for recycling or composting from households.

This includes a new separate weekly Food Waste collection which will be rolled out to the whole borough across 26/27.

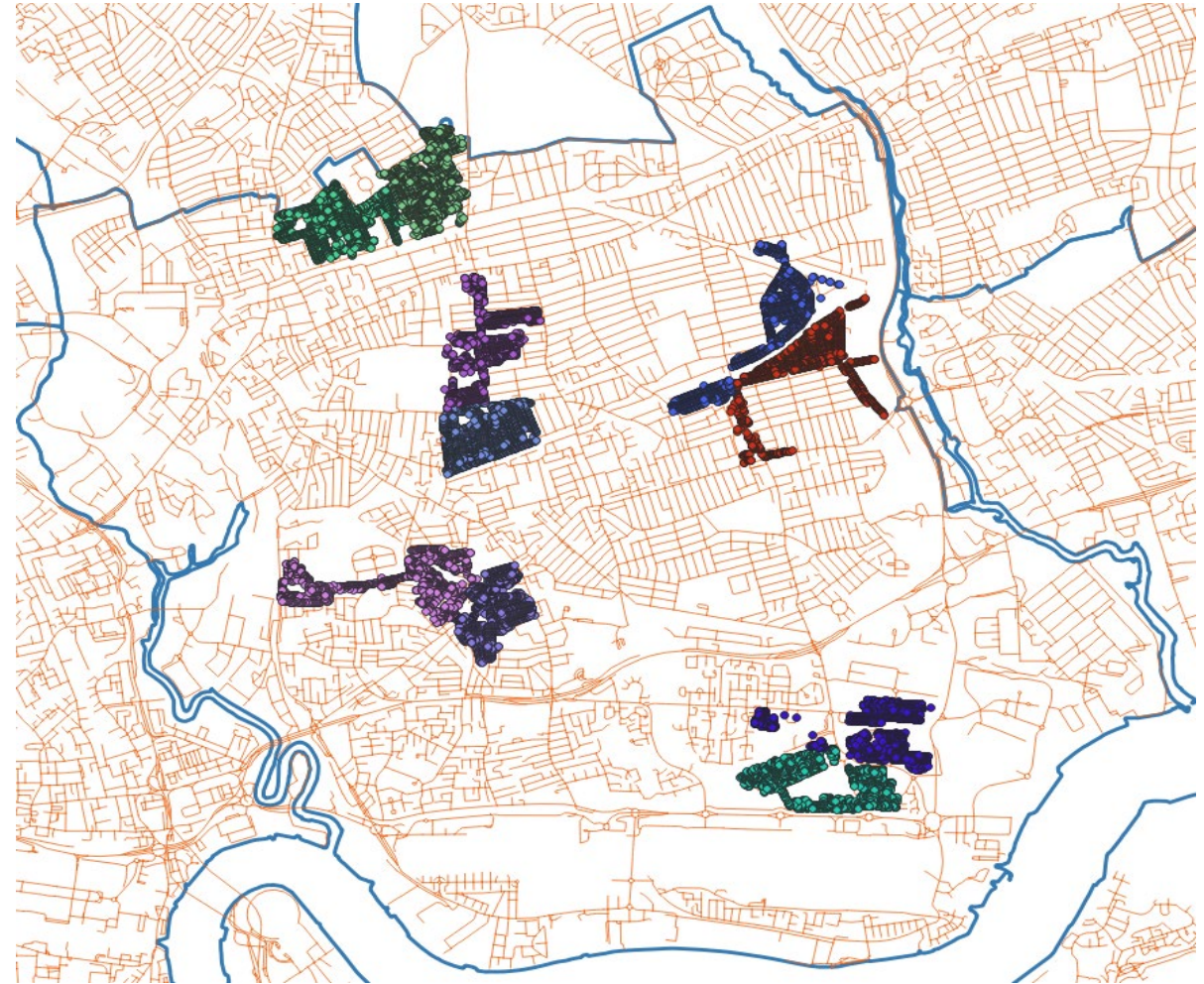


Phase 1- Rollout

24 November 2025

Areas in Phase 1

- ~ 10,000 Street –Level properties
 - Monday – E7 and E15
 - Tuesday – E6 and E12
 - Wednesday – E7 and E13
 - Thursday – E16 and E13
- ~ 2,500 Flats
 - Friday – E7, E15 and E16





Results so far

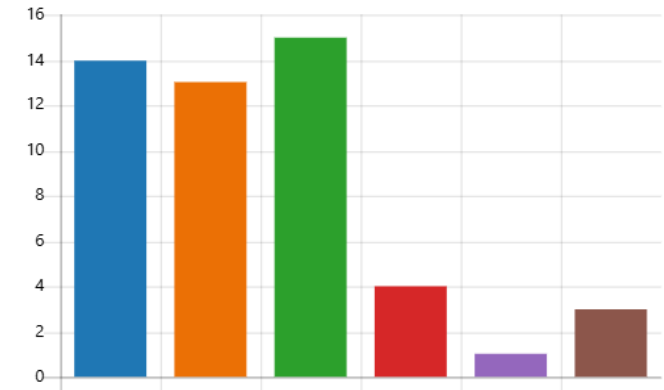
- End of month 1 – 44 Tonnes
- End of month 2 – 118 Tonnes



- Improved Accessibility
- Encouraging Participation
- Reducing Contamination
- Cleaner Communal Spaces
- Efficient Collection

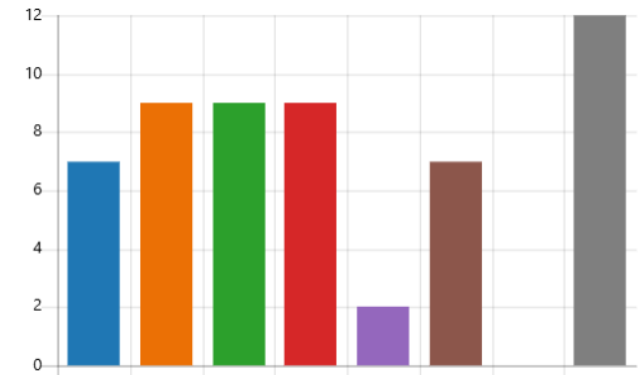
16. Which communication was MOST helpful to you?

● The initial introduction letter	14
● The "Coming Soon" leaflet	13
● The instruction leaflet	15
● Postcard reminder	4
● Council website	1
● Social media	3



17. Since starting to use the food waste service, have you noticed any of the following? (Select all that apply)

● Less rubbish in my green-lidd...	7
● I'm recycling more overall	9
● My bins are less smelly	9
● I'm more aware of food waste	9
● I'm wasting less food	2
● No noticeable change	7
● My green-lidded bin is actual...	0
● Other	12



Future phases

Planned Delivery Dates

Phase	Properties	Start Date
Phase 1	12,500 street level and flats	November 2025
Phase 2	71,500 street level only	September/October 2026
Phase 3	52,300 flats including flats above shops	February 2027





Communication Plan

We will be providing all households with information and instructions on the new service, this will include:

- Introduction Letter
- Coming Soon leaflet
- Instruction leaflet, delivered with caddies and liners
- Translated leaflets in top 5 languages of the coming soon leaflet online and in libraries
- Posters for flats
- Thank You postcard and feedback survey

Please encourage your tenants to use the new recycling service.



Coming Soon Leaflet

Funded by
UK Government



Food Waste Recycling collection

Coming soon

Find out
more
inside



Newham recycles

WE ARE NEWHAM.

Your new food waste recycling collection service

We will be introducing a new weekly food waste recycling collection following the introduction of new UK Government legislation.

The food waste you send us will be turned into renewable energy and fertiliser. By doing your part you will be helping to cut carbon emissions, save money and tackle the climate emergency.

Start of the service

The new service will start in late November and you can begin using the service as soon as you receive your food waste caddy. We will collect your food waste weekly on the same day as we collect your recycling.

What we will provide:

To help you recycle your food waste easily, we will provide you with the following for free:



5-litre kitchen caddy



One introductory roll of liners



23-litre outside food waste recycling bin



OR a shared food waste recycling bin

All households will receive a 5-litre kitchen caddy, an introductory roll of liners for the kitchen caddy and an instruction leaflet.

Residents who live in houses will receive a 23-litre outside food waste recycling bin and residents who currently share rubbish and recycling bins will receive a large shared food waste recycling bin.

What will I be able to recycle?

You will be able to recycle all your food waste, including:



✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



✓ Dairy products
✓ Cheese
✓ Eggs



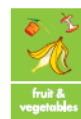
✓ Bread
✓ Cakes
✓ Pastries



✓ Raw meat
✓ Cooked meat
✓ Bones



✓ Tea bags
✓ Coffee grounds



✓ Raw vegetables
✓ Cooked vegetables
✓ Whole fruit
✓ Peelings



✓ Fish
✓ Cooked fish
✓ Bones



✓ Rice
✓ Pasta
✓ Beans

Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging

Please **do not** put any of these materials in your caddy or food waste recycling bin



✗ Packaging of any kind



✗ Liquids such as milk



✗ Oil or liquid fat



✗ Any material that is not food waste

Reasons to recycle your food waste

When recycled, your food waste can be turned into something useful. Food waste is taken to a local anaerobic digestion facility where it is used to generate natural forms of energy, such as biogas, an excellent alternative to fossil fuels and a fertiliser/soil conditioner which can be used in farming.

- ✓ Your household bin will be cleaner and less full if you recycle your food waste.
- ✓ This addition to your recycling service gives you the opportunity to recycle more of your waste.
- ✓ Your collection will be easy and convenient.



Top tip

For tips and recipes to help you waste less food and save money, visit lovefoodhatewaste.com

Did you know?

Home composting is a great way to recycle fruit and vegetable waste for your garden. Newham offer a subsidised compost bin to residents.

For more information visit newham.gov.uk/composting



Scan the QR code below for more information



newham.gov.uk/foodwaste

Visit our website for different languages.



More information can be found in local libraries.

Introductory Pack

Equipment residents will receive

 For a street-level property:

- 5-litre grey indoor kitchen caddy
- One introductory roll of liners
- 23-litre grey outdoor lockable bin
- Instruction leaflet



Introductory Pack

Equipment residents will receive:



For a flat:

- 5-litre grey indoor kitchen caddy
- One introductory roll of liners
- Access to a large grey external shared food waste recycling bin
- Instruction leaflet



OR



Bin Capacity

Bin Capacity



The below table works on the assumption that each person living in a property should have access to a minimum of 48-litres of residual and 48-litres recycling capacity per week.³

Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

Number of people that could live in the property*	Residual waste bin capacity	Recycling bin capacity	Food waste capacity
1-5 people	1 x 240-litre bin	1 x 240-litre bin	1 x 23-litre caddy
6-8 people	1 x 360-litre bin	1 x 360-litre bin	1 x 23-litre caddy
9-13 people	1 x 240-litre and 1 x 360-litre bins	1 x 240-litre and 1 x 360-litre bins	2 x 23-litre caddy
14-15 people	2 x 360-litre bins	2 x 360-litre bins	2 x 23-litre caddy
16+ people	Please contact the recycling and waste team		

(*) When calculating the number of people that could live in a property, developers should assume that two people could live in a double room and one person could live in a single room.

Bulky Waste



Bulky Waste & Rubbish in Front Gardens

For Landlords and Managing Agents:

- A charge of £30 applies for collections of up to 6 items, with a £12 additional charge per item.
- We aim to collect within five working days

Rubbish in front gardens

- Why is it a problem?
- What can you do?
- Enforcement



Thank You