

Household Food Waste Collections in Havering



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Havering Council is introducing a separate food waste collection service and wants your views to help us provide the best service possible.

The average household wastes around £470 every year on throwing food away that could have been used again.

You may be familiar with the Love Food, Hate Waste campaign, which helps provide support and handy tips on how to reduce your food waste by thinking about how you shop and how to make the best of leftovers with simple recipes and ideas.

Recycling our food waste is one way we can play our part in doing something positive towards climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.

The Government has made separate food waste collections a requirement by law for councils to provide by March 2026.

Our aim is to provide a service to collect your food waste that works for you.

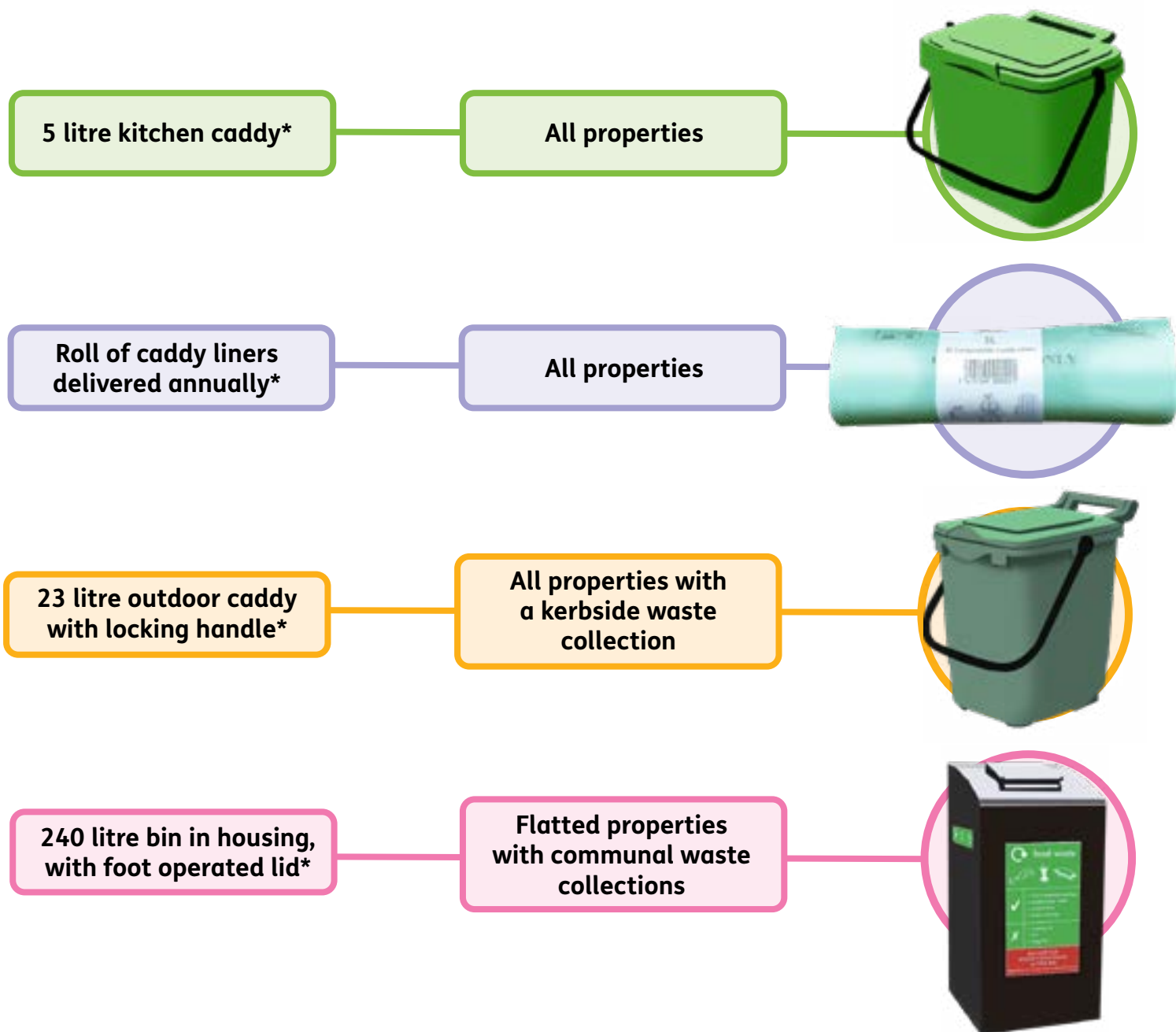
So we can get an understanding of how best we can support your household, we therefore need to know what you need in place for you to separate and store your cooked and uncooked food waste, for it to be collected.



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1.1. A weekly collection of food waste will be rolled out to all kerbside properties from October 2025, with communal flats to follow after that. Households will be provided with information and containers as required.

1.2. The containers will be from the following:

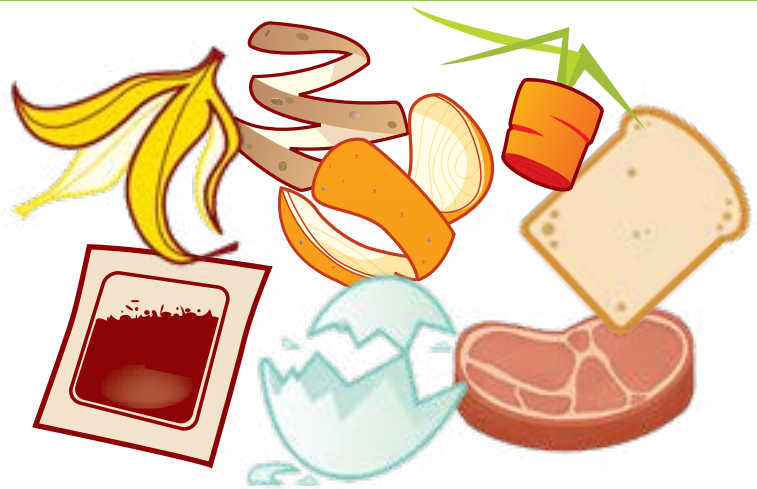


* Exact designs and colours to be confirmed

Where space is limited, wall-mounted or on-street bins may also be considered

1.3. The types of food waste residents will be able to recycle will be:

- food scraps including eggshells
- cooked or raw meat and fish, including bones
- bread, rice and pasta
- teabags and coffee grounds
- fruit and vegetables



We will not collect:

- garden waste
- plastic packaging



1.4. Residents will be asked to place the above food waste in their caddy, inside a liner, and once full, for the liner to be tied and put in their designated outdoor container. For properties receiving a kerbside collection, this will be a 23 litre outdoor caddy, to be presented on the same day as their black bags of general waste and orange recycling bags are collected. For communal properties, the outdoor container will be a designated secure bin, either free standing or attached to a wall, which will be emptied on a specified day by the food waste collection crew.

1.5. All households will be given guidance about how to use the food waste service, including how to keep their caddy clean and odour-free. Information will be provided on how they can look to reduce their food waste, or try home composting as an alternative way to deal with the waste they produce at home. Havering Council is committed to reducing overall waste in the borough, and will continue to deliver its ongoing Love Food Hate Waste campaign and workshops to help support residents in this area.

1.6. To support households further, information will be available via the Havering Council website, social media platforms and the Living in Havering e-newsletter. There will also be in-person events for residents to attend during the roll out of the service. Collection crews and Havering Council's customer service team will also provide support.

Give us your views

Ahead of this service being rolled out, we are conducting a survey to understand the impact on households and to ensure we provide the best service possible for residents of Havering.

You may wish to think about your own household and how you will collect, separate, store and present your cooked and uncooked food waste.

Thank you for giving us your views. Your opinion and participation will help shape how the new service will be provided in 2025/26.

