



COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ CORK CITY COUNCIL

Dear Householder,

THE HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTE REGULATIONS CAME INTO FORCE IN THE CORK CITY AREA IN JULY 2013

These Regulations, which aim to reduce the amount of food waste being sent to landfill, legally oblige you to keep your food waste separate from other waste. This means that food waste can no longer be mixed with other waste.

ONCE SEGREGATED YOU MAY EITHER:

- 1. Present it in a dedicated food waste bin (brown bin) for collection by an authorised waste collector. The food waste is then used to produce high quality compost.*
- or*
- 2. Subject the food waste to a home composting process.*
- or*
- 3. Bring the food waste to an authorised facility for treatment.*

Your waste collector is legally obliged to provide you with a separate food waste collection service or 'Brown Bin'.

If you do not already have a brown bin, you should contact your waste collector directly in order to avail of this service.

Failure to comply with these Regulations is an offence and could leave you liable to prosecution and/or fines.

Cork City Council Enforcement Officers will be visiting your area to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

Environment and Recreation Directorate
Cork City Council.



WHY SHOULD YOU USE THE BROWN BIN?

- ➔ Recycling food waste is the Law.
- ➔ Food waste is a valuable material and produces high quality compost.
- ➔ It's better for the environment because you are avoiding sending food waste to a landfill where it produces harmful greenhouse gases.
- ➔ **It can save you money** as you become more aware of the food you waste (the average family wastes €50 per month on discarded food). See www.stopfoodwaste.ie for tips on how to reduce food waste and your weekly food bill.

CAN I USE PLASTIC BAGS IN MY BROWN BIN?

NO. Plastic bags do not break down during composting and contaminate the process. You should use paper bags or newspaper.

TIPS FOR RECYCLING FOOD WASTE

- ➔ Keep a small food waste container (caddy) where it's easily accessible in your kitchen. This can be emptied into your large brown bin regularly.
- ➔ You can line your kitchen caddy with paper to stop food sticking and to absorb any excess liquids.
- ➔ Do not place glass, metal or plastic into your brown bin. This is against the Law and would contaminate the compost produced.
- ➔ Keep your food waste covered (wrapped in newspaper or in a paper bag) to prevent flies. Remember to put your brown bin out for collection every two weeks and wash your bin regularly.
- ➔ If you have any queries about using your food waste caddy or brown bin contact your waste collector or visit the national information website www.brownbins.ie for more details.



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