

**Appendix 2 – Sticker & Letter**

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# Important changes to how you must dispose of your food waste

Ref: Compost bins

Dear householder,

Food waste can no longer be discarded in your general waste bin. Instead ALL food waste must be disposed of in your compost bin. This is in line with the Waste and Contaminated Land Order (1997) and the Food Waste Regulations (2015).

The message is simple—all food waste (without exception) must now go in your compost bin.

This includes raw and cooked food, vegetables and meat (including bones) leftovers and plate scrapings, vegetable peelings, teabags, coffee ground, egg shells, breads, pastries and out of date food.

Packaging must be removed and where recyclable it should be rinsed and placed in your recycling bin.



## What happens if I get it wrong?

Council staff will be monitoring bins and where we find food waste in general waste bins we will notify you by placing a warning sticker on the bin. General waste bins that are repeatedly found to contain food waste may be tagged and will not be emptied. You will then have to remove the food waste from your general waste bin before it will be emptied. This will be on your next scheduled general waste bin collection date. There will no special or alternative arrangements put in place to collect this waste.

## Accessing support and finding out more

If you do not have a compost bin or a kitchen food waste caddy, please request these by email: [foodwaste@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:foodwaste@belfastcity.gov.uk). You can also call us on 0800 032 8100. Our team of dedicated Resource Advisors are available to help with your queries.

Compostable food waste bags, kitchen caddies and compost bins are all provided free of charge and delivered direct to your doorstep. If you need more compostable bags tie your red tag or ribbon around the handle of your compost bin. They can also be ordered via our freephone number given above or collected from any of our recycling centres.

**Recycling food waste could help us reduce costs and re-invest up to £800,000 per year back into our communities.**

Thank you for your support. More information is available online at [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins)

Your Faithfully,

**The Recycling Team**