

**The Brown Bin**  
**Do's, Don'ts and everything else you need to know...**

A brown bin has been provided for you by your waste contractor. This bin is for the collection of food waste from your home.

**Why?** Food waste regulations came into force in 2009 which obliges households to separate food waste from all other types of waste.

**Why bother?** The separate collection of food waste from Irish homes means that the material can be composted and converted into a usable product. If food waste is mixed with other waste it can only be landfilled. Food waste in landfill creates methane gas, a major contributor to global warming.

**What can I put in the Brown Bin?** All food (cooked or raw) is suitable to go in the Brown Bin, here is the list of acceptable items.

**YOUR BROWN BIN CAN TAKE ALL THESE MATERIALS:**

Vegetable scraps	Fruit scraps	Meat scraps	Bread scraps
Eggshells	Tea/coffee grounds	Small bones	Small fish bones
Paper/plastic packaging	Glass	Metal	Plastic

**Don't include packaging** - all food must be removed from packaging before it is placed in the brown bin.

**More advice...**

- Line your bin with paper bags or newspapers to help keep it clean
- Check with your waste contractor which compostable bags are suitable for use as this varies on where your food waste is being processed
- Keep the lid of the bin closed at all times!

By using your brown bin service you are protecting the environment, complying with the law and helping create a new compost industry in Ireland.