
Food Waste Collections

APSE Facilities, Catering and Cleaning
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Agenda

- ❖ Food waste collections
- ❖ What this means for LAs
- ❖ The challenges
- ❖ The help and support available

Food waste collections

Local Authorities required to introduce weekly food waste collections to all households in England by 31 March 2026

The UK Government has recently announced a new recycling plan ‘Simpler Recycling’ that aims to create a new, simpler common-sense approach to recycling. This includes the introduction of weekly collections of food waste for most households across England by 2026 – ending the threat of smelly waste waiting weeks for collection and cutting food waste heading to landfill.

Local Authorities have now been given details of the capital funding that they will receive from the government to help fund this.

What this means for LAs

- Simpler Recycling for households in England to be in place by 31st March 2026
- Local authorities in England must provide a weekly food waste collection to all households
- Some exemptions/transitional arrangements apply
- Funding for costs – section 31 grants
- LAs written to early Jan 24

272 LAs;

- Collection vehicles (~1,594)
- Kitchen caddies (~11,550,715)
- Kerbside caddies (~10,846,496)
- Communal bins/wheeled bins (~189,864)
- Caddy liners
- Distribution to individual households

The challenges

- Lack of certainty/the unknown
- Funding
- Procuring containers and vehicles
- Challenging timescales
- LA infrastructure



The help and support available

YPO

- YPO is one of the largest Public Sector Buying Organisations (PSBO's) in the UK and is publicly owned by 13 member authorities
- YPO's ownership model sees every penny of profit given back to our customers and owners
- 50 years of offering products and services into Public Sector
- Procurement team of 55 procurement professionals, many of which are from an LA background

- Step by step guidance/handholding – no charge
- Compliant route to market via Frameworks/DPS agreements

YPO with WRAP

- In support of Defra, WRAP (The Waste and Resources Action Programme) have released a guidance document for Local Authorities to assist with the transitions.

<https://wrap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-11/WRAP-Supplementary-Procurement-Guidance-17.11.23.pdf>

The help and support available cont...

Facilities and Waste Management

- **Recycling Products (1063)**
Food waste caddies (kitchen & kerbside)
- **Compostable Liners (1013)**
Liners for the kitchen caddies
- **Plastic Wheeled Bins including Distribution to households (1040)**
Plastic wheeled bins – communal
Includes distribution services

Fleet

- **Alternative Fuelled Vehicles DPS – 1066**
- **Purchase Lease and Hire of Specialist Vehicles – 1170**

IT

- **Software Application Solutions (1095)**
Environment Street and Waste Management – asset management

Food

- **Food Deals Frameworks (985 and 1114)**
Suppliers and brands you know and trust with the flexibility to pick and choose different foods at quantities and times to support food waste management

<https://www.ypo.co.uk/food-waste-management>

<https://www.ypo.co.uk/frameworks-home>



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