



# Tips for fresher bins!



**Wrap or double wrap items** such as food waste, unwanted pet food or disposable nappies as soon as you can. Make sure the wrapping doesn't have any holes in it and secure it so that no air can get in and liquid and smells can't get out.

**Keep your bin lid shut** as much as possible. Don't overfill your bin so that the lid won't shut properly. If your bin is broken, a replacement can be purchased from the Council. Those recycling properly should not need to overfill their black bin.

**Store your bin away from direct sunlight if you can.**



**Check your bin** for any residue after emptying. Rinse it out for a fresher smelling bin and use disinfectant if you wish.

**Home composting can help to minimise kitchen food waste in your black bin.**

Experience has shown that this advice is the best way to prevent flies or maggots in your bin. However, if you do have difficulties in very hot weather, you may wish to hang an insecticidal strip in your bin or use a fly spray (for flies or maggots) or crawling insect powder. Care should always be taken to follow the manufacturer's instructions.



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**Put these in your brown recycling bin**

Paper | Cardboard

Tins & Cans | Plastic Bottles | Aerosols



Plastic bottles, tins and cans should be empty and not contain any food, drink or liquids. Place all your recycling clean and loose in your brown bin.

**NO CARRIER BAGS OR BLACK SACKS PLEASE!**

**Take these to your local recycling centre**

Glass Bottles & Jars | Textiles | Aluminium Foil | Cartons



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