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Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN06 Food Waste

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Food waste	
Location Generated	All areas
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Type	Controlled Waste
Disposal Method	Segregated for recycling
Bin/ Bag Type	Food waste caddy

Duty of Care Requirements

Any business or public body that generates waste materials should apply the waste hierarchy to all streams in order to minimise the amount of waste sent for disposal. In practice, this means ensuring all wastes are segregated at source and disposed of via the correct stream. The University has committed to segregating its waste at source and focusing on separating key recycling streams; cans, paper, plastics, food and glass. Segregation at source improves recycling quality and also adheres to the Waste Regulations (England and Wales) 2011. The Regulations stipulate that materials such as paper, metal, plastic and glass must be collected separately if it is necessary to encourage high quality of the recycling of the material.

In April 2024 the Welsh Government implemented new Recycling at Work Regulations applicable to all Welsh Businesses. This regulation set out greater recycling separation requirements, and include additional items for recycling.

The University has installed food waste caddies in all Halls of residence kitchens, staff office kitchens in all buildings, and back of house in all food serving outlet. All the University's food waste is sent for Anaerobic Digestion, a process which creates biogas and bio fertiliser.

Items

Items that can be placed in the University food waste caddies and food waste bins include;

- fruit and vegetable peelings.
- left over cooked food (eg rice, pasta, vegetables)
- tea bags and coffee grounds.
- egg shells.
- gone off/mouldy food.
- meat and fish (raw or cooked)
- dairy products.
- small bones up to and including chicken carcass.

Under **no** circumstances should

- a) compostable/biodegradable food packaging be placed in the food waste bins
- b) plastic packing be placed in the food waste bins

Disposal Instructions

Internal

The University has installed food waste caddies in all Halls of residence kitchens, staff office kitchens in all buildings, and back of house in all food serving outlet. Compostable liners must be placed into the food waste caddies.



Figure 1 – Swansea University indoor food waste caddy

External Bin



Figure 2 – Swansea University external contractor bin

Disposal Cost

The disposal cost is factored into the University's waste management service provision; therefore there is no direct cost to individuals/Faculties/PSUs. However individuals can minimise cost and contribute the University's target to achieve 63% diversion rate away EFW or landfill by ensuring all recyclable paper and card are disposed of via the dedicated bins.

Labelling

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For further guidance please contact estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk

