



## Bio – Waste Collection Scheme

### HOW TO USE YOUR AEROBIC BINS



Along with your kitchen and outside wheeled bio-bin, paper bags will be supplied over the course of the trial with a suggested average usage of 1 large sack and 6 small bags over a two week period. Collections will take place every 2 weeks.



1. Make sure the longer sack sides run from front to back of the bin.

2. When placing sack in wheeled bin, fold top edge of sack over at least some of the "coat hanger" projections at the top of each spacer.

TIP : For quick and effective placing of sack in wheeled bin, it can help to use a stick or broom handle to push sack into place.



3 & 4. When placing 10 litre paper bag in kitchen bio-bin, fold top edge of bag over at least some of the "coat hanger" projections at the top of each spacer. It is advisable that bags are changed at least every 3 days, even if the bag is not full.



5. When the kitchen bag is filled, fold over top edge a few times, and place the bag in the outside wheeled bin.

6. When there is the possibility that fatty deposits from cooked or raw meats might be transferred to the paper bag and sack, it is advisable to first wrap the meat based waste in newspaper before it is placed in kitchen bag.

7. Always try to place the small bag upright in the larger sack when disposing, to make sure moisture in the kitchen waste passes as slowly as possible from one bag to the other.

## HOW THE BINS WORK

The bins incorporate a system of vents and spacers. The purpose of these is support the paper sack and to allow air to circulate. This helps the composting process and prevents smells from developing.

The paper sacks will become damp but will not fall apart between collections. (Please turn over for instructions)



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The aim of your new bin is to provide a quality material for the recycling process so that once it has been composted, it can then be marketed as a good product. By contaminating the bin, the process becomes difficult and less good to the environment (please see right for suitable material)

Please put the Aerobic Wheeled Bin out by **7am** on the day of your collection every two weeks even if it is only part filled; and place it at the front edge of your property. If you already home compost then please continue to do so.

For more information please contact the Customer Services Team on 020 8303 7777 ext.5562 or 020 8319 9619 (24hr answer phone),  
worksdirect@bexley.gov.uk

## WHAT TO PUT INTO THE BINS

The following items are acceptable:

- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Food leftovers, including cooked and uncooked meat/fish and bones
- ✓ **Small** amounts of soiled or oily paper/cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes, kitchen tissue, paper tissue)
- ✓ Grass cuttings and plants/flowers
- ✓ Hedge and shrub cuttings
- ✓ Leaves and weeds (**without soil**)
- ✓ Bark and small branches (up to 2 inches in diameter)
- ✓ Straw (**not with pet waste**)

The following items are **NOT** acceptable:

- ✗ Plastics and Packaging
- ✗ Household wood
- ✗ Metal and cans
- ✗ Cooking oil and fat
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ All ceramics
- ✗ Large branches/wood
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Soil and stones