

Keep your bins 'wheelie' clean!

By following these simple hygiene practices in and around your home you will reduce fly populations and prevent maggots.

In the kitchen...

- Do not dispose of food waste in your black wheeled bin – this is collected fortnightly, whereas your green food waste container is collected weekly.
- Put extra food waste into your silver kitchen caddy as quickly as you can to avoid flies landing and laying eggs.
- Wrap items such as meat and fish waste in newspaper before placing into your silver kitchen caddy.
- Keep the lid of your silver kitchen caddy closed.
- Use of fly paper / sprays and insecticides may help reduce a fly problem.
- Chopping scrap food waste before placing it in the bin encourages the material to break down and decay quicker than normal and attract flies. By not chopping down this waste you will reduce the number of flies attracted to your container.
- Try to avoid buying too much food during your weekly shop. This will save you money and also reduce the amount you throw away.

Disposing of liquids...

- Dispose of liquids / very sloppy food wastes via the sink. This will prevent moisture developing in the bin and help control fly infestations.

Recycling...

- Rinse out packaging such as plastic bottles and tins to be put in the recycling bin and non recyclable containers for the black waste bin. This can be done at the end of the washing up and will remove any stuck food residues.
- Recycle as much as possible and use your food waste container for left-over cooked and un-cooked food.
- Excess recyclable materials (not food waste) will be removed if your blue-lidded bin is full. The excess materials must be put in a suitable alternative container such as a carrier bag. If you regularly put out excess recyclable materials, you can be provided purchase an additional recycling bin.

Composting...

- As a Woking resident you are entitled to purchase a home composter, wormery or kitchen composter at a subsidised rate. This is the best way to recycle uncooked vegetable waste. For more information visit: www.woking.getcomposting.com or telephone 0854 130 6090.



If you have young children...

- If you have very young children dispose of solid waste from nappies down the toilet and double bag nappies before putting in your black container.
- Reusable nappies are washable, eco-friendly and would reduce the amount of waste going into your black bin.

With pets...

- Do not leave pet food uncovered; flies will be attracted to this and lay eggs.
- When disposing of pet waste, double bag to prevent odour and moisture from escaping. Please put this into your black container.

Your wheelie bin and food waste containers...

- Keep the lids of your containers closed at all times, and keep the handle of your food waste container in the locked position.
- Place newspaper in the bottom of your wheeled bins and green food waste container. This will prevent waste sticking to the bottom of your bins and will soak up any moisture.
- Refuse that will not fit into the bin should be taken to one of the Community Recycling Centres at either Martyrs Lane or Slyfield. Bags placed beside the black bin will **not** be collected.
- Keep the insides of the wheelie bin reasonably clean. When cleaning your bin we advise you lay it on its side and disinfect with shop bought disinfectant, hot water and a mop or broom. Please empty this water into the drain rather than your garden.
- If possible store the wheeled bin out of direct sunlight. This will help to reduce smell and prevent flies being attracted to your waste. Also try to keep the bin away from your boundary with your neighbours to avoid a possible nuisance.

If you have sacks...

- Once your sacks are full, tie securely to prevent flies entering the bag.

If you do get maggots:

- Tip the contents of the bin into a plastic sack and knot or seal tightly.
- Place the plastic sack into your wheeled bin ready for the next collection. The maggots should not be able to escape.
- Disinfect your bin with a strong smelling disinfectant and hot water.
- Number the lid of your wheeled bin to ensure you get your clean bin back after your collections.

Following the advice provided should be sufficient to prevent any reoccurrence.

More information is available on our website: www.woking.gov.uk

