

## **Appendix 1**

### **Additional Council Policies for Recycling, Compost and Waste Collection Service**

#### Introduction

The Council has been successfully operating an alternate week collection scheme since 2003/2004. The scheme has seen the amount of waste being recycled rise from 10% in 2002/03 to almost 50% in 2008/09.

The introduction of food waste collection in the existing brown bin requires some amendments to the set of policies that deals with the waste, recycling and organics services provided in the district.

In considering these detailed policies, it is important to appreciate that they are intended to further improve levels of recycling and composting to beyond 55% by including the collection of food waste, cooked and uncooked, in the brown bin.

#### 1. Standard Service

The Council scheme is providing an alternate week collection of normal domestic residual waste one week, and recyclable and compostable materials (including all kinds of cooked and uncooked food waste) the following week.

#### 2. Garden & Food Waste Recycling

All domestic properties have either a 240 litre or 140 litre brown bin.

Properties can pay for the use of additional brown bins for a one off charge (currently £20 or £15 if collected from Thorpe Lane depot) for each additional brown bin.

The brown bin is for garden waste and food waste only.

Each householder will be issued with one kitchen caddy and an initial supply of compostable bags to line their kitchen caddy

Additional compostable bags can be purchased through a network of retailers.

Residents can put their food waste directly, or wrapped in newspaper or bagged in compostable bags in the brown bin.

Plastic bags cannot be composted and cannot be used to wrap food waste in the brown bin scheme. Brown bins with plastic bags present will be rejected and a label left marking the bin as contaminated.

Households which cannot accommodate a brown bin - these properties (approximately 300 properties) will be issued every six months with a roll of caddy liners and 75 paper based compostable garden waste sacks.

3. Excess Waste

Excess waste material (i.e. any waste not contained in the brown bin) will not be collected (bagged or otherwise). The only exception is if the waste is in a Cherwell District Council paper garden waste sack.

4. Advice

Any resident that reports that they are unable to cope with the scheme will receive advice on how to fully participate in the scheme.

5. Flats

In view of the fixed, centralised storage arrangements that exist for most flats, the implementation of food waste collection will be rolled out later in 2010/2011.

6. Assisted Collection

Are available where residents are incapable of physically moving the bins to the point of collection.

7. Village Halls

Village Halls receive an alternate weekly collection service as domestic households and are expected to separate their waste accordingly.

Consequently Village halls can have a brown bin for food waste and garden waste.

8. Schedule II Waste

Schedule II customers can have a brown bin as part of the package deal developed for such customers.

This will be an alternate week collection, along with their blue recycling bins.