



Top tips for your Brown Bin!

1. Try & keep your bin out of direct sunshine in very hot weather and make sure the bin lid is closed at all times. This will help to reduce the possibility of unwanted smells, flies and insects.
2. Use the biodegradable liners supplied or wrap your food waste in a single sheet of newspaper to help reduce smells.
3. Keep all food waste covered before putting in the bin, this will reduce the chance of flies laying eggs on the food which can result in maggots. Please see <http://www.castlereagh.gov.uk/Documents/waste/food/maggot.pdf> for more information.
4. Applying a 'few drops' of essential oils such as citronella and tea tree oil to the bin lid will help to repel insects.
5. Sometimes garden and food waste can make your bin very heavy. If your bin is over weight it may not be emptied. If you find you have a lot of garden waste, why not bring it to your nearest Household Recycling Centre. (No trailers or large amounts are accepted at Cregagh Road Household Recycling Centre).
6. Do not push down on garden or food waste in the bin as this will cause compaction, making it difficult to empty. If the materials are loosened up before your collection this will reduce the likelihood of your bin not being emptied.
7. If you put ashes into the bin and they become damp or wet they can become cement-like making the bin heavy and difficult to empty. Try and loosen the material before your collection, as this will reduce the likelihood of your bin not being emptied.
8. Do not use any bin liners as these can catch and become entangled in the vehicle lifting equipment,

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