

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Wheelie Bin Hygiene and Maggots

To avoid the growth and spread of maggots in your wheelie bin we suggest you:

- double bag food waste such as meat and bones, as this will help to reduce the smell and stop flies laying eggs on the food
- rinse polystyrene food trays, yoghurt pots and other food packaging that cannot be recycled to reduce the smell of your refuse
- rinse your bin out regularly and keep it clean
- if possible store the bin away from direct sunlight
- keep the bin lid shut, if it is broken or does not shut properly, contact us at recycling@rother.gov.uk or 01424 787580 or 787999
- compost your kitchen vegetable waste in a home compost bin
- do not store food waste and unrinsed food containers in your kitchen bin. Empty it as soon as possible and seal the bin liner before placing in the wheelie bin.
- keep all food covered up and bag and bin waste straight away
- try not to prepare too much food, so reducing the amount of food you throw away and saving money.

Maggots

Maggots are caused by flies being able to lay their eggs on meat etc.

If you do get maggots, the only effective way to get rid of them, is to remove them along with the contents of the bin:

- tip the contents of the bin into a plastic sack that can be sealed or knotted
- after the bin has been emptied clean and disinfect it well
- place the plastic sack and its contents back into the bin ready for your next collection. If the bag remains sealed the maggots will not be able to escape.

Private Cleaning Companies:

(The inclusion of companies in this list does not mean that the Council is recommending them)

Sussex Wheelie Bin Clearing	08700 660784
Green Clean	0800 0150880
MCWS Wheelie Bin Clearing	07871 737427
Binbrite	07092 434184

Expect to pay between £2 and £3

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