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Did you know?

Fact: A typical household in the UK throws away £480 worth of food every year.

Simple things like storing fruit in the fridge will make it last longer than leaving it in the fruit bowl. Foods such as opened cheese and ham packs can be stored in airtight containers to keep them fresh for longer. Or when preparing a meal, you can save time and money by making extra portions for the freezer.



Put your food waste in with your green waste

PEOPLE in St Albans District are now recycling over 50 per cent of their waste.

That is good news, but we think we can do even better if we all work together.

A lot of food is being thrown away which is bad news for both your pocket and for the local environment since a lot of it is going to landfill.

Clr Daniel Chichester-Miles, Portfolio Holder for Environment at the Council says: "To get landfill rates down further, we are asking people to make a concerted effort to keep food waste down to a minimum and recycle wherever possible."

"We all know how tempting those two-

for-one offers at the supermarket are, but to keep waste to a minimum please:

- try not to over-purchase food when you go shopping;
 - keep food as fresh as you can by storing it in the fridge;
 - use up leftovers;
 - and please compost any food waste or put it in your **green bin** where it can be put to good use, and kept out of landfill.
- "It will also save the taxpayer (you) money."

Fruit and vegetable peelings, eggshells, cooked and uncooked meat, fish bones, tea bags, coffee grounds and other types of food waste can all go in your **green bin** with your

cardboard, shredded paper, weeds, grass cuttings and animal bedding. Please wrap meat leftovers tightly in paper.

If you want to do your own composting, compost bins are available at a subsidised rate through the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership (visit www.getcomposting.com or call 0844 571 444).

The Council is also looking at other ways to help people to recycle more. In the meantime, you can help make a real difference to landfill rates, and **save money yourself**, by cutting down on unnecessary food waste, and making sure, wherever possible, any unavoidable food waste goes in your **GREEN bin**.



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- ✓ Abandoned vehicles
- ✓ Illegal fly-tipping
- ✓ Graffiti or litter
- ✓ Dog fouling or stray dogs
- ✓ Dumped rubbish
- ✓ Illegal fly-posting
- ✓ Overgrown hedgerows
- ✓ Spills from refuse collection
- ✓ Accumulation of leaves
- ✓ Pest control
- ✓ Damaged street furniture
- ✓ Street cleaning required
- ✓ Drugs paraphernalia
- ✓ Trees (overgrown/obstructing highway)
- ✓ Empty/derelict property
- ✓ Air pollution (bonfires/fumes)

...please contact

The Cleaner District Hotline: 0845 125 8000

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