

NO MORE FOOD TO LANDFILL

How Glasgow Can Achieve Sustainability in its Food Waste Management

Glasgow households organics recycling is just 3.2%, the lowest of any local authority in Scotland

The Scottish average organics recycling rate is currently 15.2%

3.2%

GCC will pay an estimated £6.3 million* in landfill tax in 2024/2025

*this is based on 2022 figures

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As a cost savings measure, GCC collects food waste less frequently than general waste. But, from a purely financial perspective, these cuts don't present clear long-term cost savings.

Austerity directly impacts climate action in everyday life.

Fewer collections of food recycling increases the likelihood of residents seeking the easiest route possible to dispose of their food waste, which leads to an increase in contamination rates of recycling.

COMPOST

Glasgow has a problem with household food waste going into general waste collection bins.

Glasgow City Council (GCC) collects less food-specific household waste than 13 other local authorities in Scotland, despite having by far the largest population.

The bin-hubs pilot throughout the city have shown that **it is possible to get quality food waste collection from flats in Glasgow!**

Whitmuir Community Benefit Society in Edinburgh, has shown it is possible to significantly reduce food waste to landfill, **through community-scale food waste collection services.**



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