

Separate food waste collections will resume in the Chiltern and Wycombe areas from Monday 13 December.

The service was suspended in mid-August, due to the impact of the national shortage of HGV drivers on our waste contractor Veolia. The decision to suspend the service was not taken lightly, but in the circumstances was the best available option. During the suspension, residents were asked to dispose of their food waste with their general rubbish, which goes to the [Greatmoor Energy from Waste](#) plant for incineration. When it is collected separately, Buckinghamshire's food waste is disposed of by anaerobic digestion. Both of these methods create electricity as a by-product.

Veolia have worked extremely hard to retain existing staff, whilst recruiting to fill driver vacancies so that the food collection service could be reinstated as soon as possible.

Officers have put in place a comprehensive plan of communications to ensure residents in the affected areas are aware that the service is returning. This includes tagging all bins put out for emptying next week, announcing to residents the service will restart the following week. Buckinghamshire Council also be promoting the service over the coming weeks.