

Top council leads the way on food and garden waste collections



Steve Williamson, Waste Management Officer, Moray Council

Moray Council, which began using Keenan Recycling's services in 2004, are one of the top performing councils in the country for organics recycling. They are on track to meet the challenging targets set by Scottish government for waste management - for example, 60% of household waste has to be recycled by 2020 - which means an increase of 10% in the next four years.

In response to this, with advice from Keenan Recycling, Moray initiated household garden waste collections over 12 years ago.

"This was a very successful contract, with Keenan Recycling offering advice on initial contamination issues and working with us to resolve these. They happily accommodated initial teething problems and weight fluctuations as the service became established, as well as seasonal weight adjustments" *Steve Williamson, Waste Management Officer, Moray Council*



"The beast", an industrial shredder which processes garden waste before transportation Keenan Recycling's headquarters for turning into high grade compost

Meeting targets

Building on the the garden waste collections, Moray were one of the first councils in the country to introduce a mixed food and garden waste household collection scheme in 2011. This is processed at the composting site at Keenan Recycling's HQ. They have since recorded one of the highest organic recycling targets nationally and sit in the top performance tier for waste management across Scottish councils.



In-Vessel Composting unit at Keenan Recycling headquarters in New Deer

Working with Keenan Recycling

“With Keenan investing in In-Vessel Composting (IVC), and the requirement to start food waste collections, we decided as a Council to opt for a ‘green waste and food’ mixed collection. With good consultation and guidance from Keenan, including full site visits by our Recycling Officers, any problems regarding contamination were quickly ironed out” *Steve Williamson, Waste Management Officer, Moray Council*

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organic waste
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council for
waste
management**

**111,494 tonnes
of
atmospheric
CO₂ emissions
prevented**

**55,000t of
high-grade
compost
created**