

## 56446 Household Food Waste During Summer Months

I am writing to request the following information regarding household food waste collected during the summer months:

The total weight (in tonnes) of household food waste collected in June, July, and August for each of the past three years (2022, 2023, and 2024 if available).

Please break this down by month and year.

The total weight of food waste in tonnes is provided in the table below.

	2022	2023	2024
June	870	821	752
July	722	656	744
August	593	818	795

Does your council collect food waste separately from general waste, or is it collected alongside general waste?

If the approach has changed over the three-year period, please indicate the relevant collection method by year.

The City of Edinburgh Council operates a separate food waste collection on a weekly basis.

The approach has not changed over the three-year period.

Have any internal records, reports, or campaigns noted a seasonal increase in food waste during the summer months, or highlighted barbecues as a contributing factor?

There may be seasonal changes in the tonnage of food waste collected but there is no recorded data that attributes these changes to any factors such as barbecues specifically.

If recorded, can you provide a breakdown of the most commonly discarded food types during the summer months (e.g. meat, salad, bread, other perishables)?

Food waste is collected in one container, and it is not separated into different components.