

Kitchen Composting 1-2-3

the recipe for recycling at home

1. Select a kitchen container

You will find a wide variety of above- and below-counter containers for kitchen composting at your neighborhood grocery, drug store or online. Simple or stylish, there is an option for every kitchen, such as:

- Economical: Paper bag lined with newspaper. Everything goes in the yard waste cart.
- Reusable: Plastic or metal container with a lid. Reuse the container, the rest in cart.
- Decorative: Ceramic or stainless steel container (some come with carbon filters).
- Purchase approved biodegradable bags to line your reusable containers.

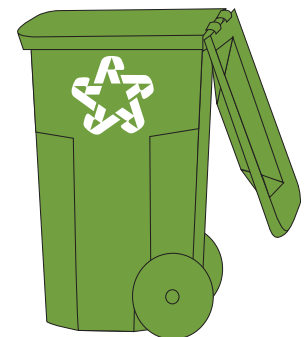


2. Review the basics and get started

- Single family garbage customers can now recycle all food scraps and food-soiled paper in the yard waste cart. Items like meat, fish, poultry, bones, dairy, vegetable and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and coffee grounds – are now compostable!
- Food-soiled paper includes greasy pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins and coffee liners...
- Plastic- or wax-coated paper (like milk cartons, ice cream containers) does NOT go in the compost. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Eliminate odors by putting food scraps in approved kitchen compostable bags or in a paper bag with newspaper.

3. Take it to the yard waste cart

- Each day, put the contents of your kitchen container in your yard waste cart.
- Keep your cart clean by lining the bottom with newspapers or layer food scraps and food-soiled paper with yard waste. Compostable or paper bags will also help.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen container and/or yard waste cart.



LET NOTHING GO TO WASTE!

recycle and compost guide to what goes where

RECYCLE

Paper



Newspaper, inserts, magazines, catalogs & phone books



Advertising mail, envelopes, mixed paper



Paperback books



Cereal & dry food boxes (remove liner), clean paper cups



Shredded paper (bag in paper bag)



Non-foil wrapping paper



Cartons, frozen food & juice boxes



Flattened cardboard (3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft. or smaller)

Plastic



Milk, water, juice & pop bottles



Plastic bottles (all colors)



Pill bottles (non-prescription)



Clean plastic food tubs & cups



Clean plastic plant pots & 5 gallon buckets

YARD & FOOD WASTE



Tree branches (under 4ft. long, 4 inch in diameter)



Grass clippings, weeds, leaves, twigs, branches & roots from pruning



Houseplants (no pots)



Meat, fish, poultry & bones



Dairy products (cheese, yogurt, etc.)



Eggshells & nutshells



Coffee filters & grounds, tea bags & tea leaves



Fruit & vegetable scraps; leftovers; pumpkins



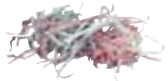
Uncoated paper plates, cups, paper food wrap & paper food bags*



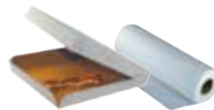
Paper grocery bags containing food scraps, paper egg & berry cartons



Bread, pasta & grains



Shredded paper (layered & no plastic)



Greasy food-soiled pizza boxes, paper towels & napkins

Metal



Clean scrap metal (2 ft. x 2 ft. & less than 35 lbs. per piece)



Clean aluminum & metal cans



Clean foil & foil trays

Glass



Bottles & jars (empty & rinse, labels ok)



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