



In Depth Compost Information

Acceptable

Unlike home composting, we accept all food scraps, soiled paper, and yard trimmings in the green cart. Compostable material in plastic bags not labeled "compostable" will not be collected for composting.

Food Scraps (anything that used to be alive)

- Bread, grains and pasta
- Coffee grounds
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Fruit (pits and nuts too)
- Leftovers and spoiled food
- Meat (including bones)
- Seafood (including shellfish)
- Vegetables

Yard Trimmings

- Branches and brush
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Grasses and weeds
- Leaves
- Tree Trimmings (less than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet long)

Extra yard trimmings must be boxed, bundled or placed in brown paper bags less than 40 lbs per item and placed next to the green cart for collection.

Soiled Paper

- Coffee filters
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper ice cream containers (metal rim is okay)
- Paper bags, napkins, tissues and towels
- Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Paper tea bags
- Waxy paper milk and juice cartons (no foil liner)

Other

- Cutlery clearly labeled "Compostable"
- Plastic clearly labeled "Compostable" (green stripe or sticker to allow for easy identification)
- Small pieces of lumber or sawdust from clean wood only (no plywood, pressboard, painted, stained or treated wood)
- Vegetable wood crates (metal wire is okay)
- Waxed cardboard and paper

These items are **NOT** accepted

- Aluminum foil or trays
- "Biodegradable" plastic (not labeled "Compostable")
- Ceramic dishware or glassware
- Clothing and linens
- Cooking oil
- Corks
- Diapers
- Dirt, rocks or stone
- Flower pots or trays
- Foil-backed or plastic-backed paper
- Glass, metal or plastic not labeled "Compostable"
- Juice or soy milk type boxes with foil liner
- Kitty litter or animal feces
- Liquids or ice
- Plastic bags, wrappers or film (not labeled "Compostable")
- Plywood, pressboard, painted or stained wood
- Recyclable/clean cardboard or paper
- Styrofoam

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