



Your guide to food and yard waste

For businesses and multi-family complexes

Make sure your food and yard waste counts by putting the right stuff in your green bin.

✔ YES Food waste



Meat, fish, shellfish and bones



Jams, sauces and salad dressings



Eggshells and dairy products



Fruits and vegetables
Remove any stickers.



Bread, noodles, rice, beans and grains



Pastries, cookies, cakes and muffins



Paper hand towels



Paper plates, napkins and used tissues



Coffee filters and tea bags

Yard and pet waste



Leaves



Grass clippings and sod



Plants and weeds

Pet waste

For the safety of your collector, pet waste must be put in a certified compostable bag or paper bag and tied/rolled closed before composting.



Branches and prunings

Should be smaller than 1.25 metres (4 feet) and 15 cm (6 inches) in diameter.



Compostable bags only

Use only certified compostable bags for your green bin. Look for these logos on the package.



No plastic bags



Kitchen compost tips

If a kitchen pail is not provided at your location, you can purchase at local hardware stores or reuse any container with a lid (e.g. ice cream bucket with lid).

1. Line your kitchen pail (optional)

Use certified compostable bags, paper bags or newspaper liner in your kitchen pail to control odours and keep the green bin clean.

Do not use plastic bags as they do not break down and contaminate the finished compost.

2. Fill the pail with food scraps

Place all your food waste into the kitchen pail. All food, including meat, bones and dairy can go in – just scrape your plate.

3. Empty the pail into your green bin

When your pail is full, tie off the compostable bag and put it into the green bin.

Cooking oil, sauces and grease can also be composted

Soak up fats, oils and grease with used paper towels or napkins and put in your green bin too.



⊗ NO

Keep these items out of your food and yard waste bin



No food or beverage packaging



No plastic or biodegradable bags



No fruit or vegetable stickers



No glass

All food material needs to go directly into the bin.



No packaging or food containers labelled "compostable" or "biodegradable"



No plastic plates or cutlery



No painted or treated wood



No diapers