

Composting Tips

LOOSE AND FREE

Place your collected compost loose in your cart! If you want to bag food scraps, only paper bags or BPI certified compostable bags are accepted. *Look for this symbol.*



TIGHT LID, IN THE FRIDGE

Afraid of smells or flies? Your compost bin won't smell any more than your trash did. Same stuff, different bin! Keep a tight lid to avoid any issues or store food scraps in the fridge/freezer. Rinse your indoor bin between uses.

WHAT PAPER GOES WHERE?

Know which paper products are compostable and go in your cart.



COMPOST

Clean or food-soiled paper towels, napkins & coffee filters

RECYCLING

Clean paper, cardboard & newspaper

GARBAGE

Plastic-lined receipts, plates, to-go containers & shredded paper

COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING VS. BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Commercial compost has better chemistry to breakdown food! Dairy, bones, meats, and bread are no problem in your curbside compost collection.

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Guide to Curbside

COMPOST



Why Compost?

Composting reduces landfill waste by 25%. Reducing food and yard waste in landfills helps protect the climate. It's easy to compost curbside!



How to Compost

- ✓ Keep a kitchen pail near the garbage. Scrape your food scraps into the pail and toss in your paper napkin.



- ✓ Empty your kitchen pail into the compost cart.



- ✓ Gather yard waste into your compost cart — leaves, branches, grass.



Place your cart out by 6 a.m. on your service day.



Curbside Guide

WHAT TO COMPOST



All food — cooked, raw, scraps

AND

Plant trimmings, compostable paper



LEAVE IT OUT

items belong in GARBAGE



Plastic Bags



To-go Containers



Fats and Oil



Pet Waste



Produce Stickers



Noxious Weeds



NO metal, glass, plastic, rocks, dirt