

Kitchen pail tips

- Empty food scraps into the yard debris roll cart often.
- Line kitchen pail with a Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable liner bag.
- Wrap food items, like meat and fish, in newspaper and store in the freezer until collection day.
- Wash kitchen pail in the dishwasher or by hand.



Roll cart tips

- Keep lid closed.
- Store the cart in the shade during warm weather.
- Line bottom of cart with newspaper or a paper bag to help absorb moisture.
- Layer food scraps in between the yard debris.
- Sprinkle baking soda in the roll cart to reduce odors and deter insects.
- Use soap and water to clean the roll cart after it is emptied.



Nearly 30 percent of residential garbage produced in our region is organic material that can be composted.

Composting food scraps creates a nutrient-rich soil enhancement and prevents carbon emissions that occur when food breaks down in the landfill.

Look inside for 3 simple steps to help you succeed in collecting food scraps.

Learn more

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Include the Food with Yard Debris



Starting February 2020

Your guide to successful
curbside food composting



Three easy steps



1 Place
kitchen pail in a convenient place.



2 Include
all food scraps in the kitchen pail.



3 Empty
your kitchen pail into your yard debris cart.



Leave it OUT

- Cat litter/Pet waste
- Coffee cups
- “Compostable” or “biodegradable” bags that are not BPI-certified
- “Compostable” or “biodegradable” takeout containers and utensils
- Corks
- Diapers
- Facial tissue
- Fast-food wrappers
- Glass
- Large amounts of grease or oil
- Liquids
- Metal
- Packaging
- Paper plates, cups and cartons
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Takeout containers
- Wax paper

What CAN be Included



- Meat
- Poultry
- Fish and shellfish
- Bones
- Eggs and eggshells
- Cheese and dairy products
- Bread and baked goods
- Pasta
- Rice and other grains
- Beans, nuts and seeds
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Fruit peels & cores

- Table scraps
- Plate scrapings
- Spoiled food
- Coffee grounds
- Coffee filters
- Tea bags
- Food-soiled Paper
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Plants
- Pruned branches
- Weeds