

# Residential Compost Collection Guidelines



**NO PLASTIC**

## Food Scraps



Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains and leftovers

## Uncoated Paper



Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, uncoated paper (non-shiny), soiled paper bags, kitchen paper towels, paper napkins, non-coated paper plates, approved compostable packaging\* and loose shredded paper

## Plants, Flowers and Yard Debris



Plants and flowers, landscape vegetation, grass clippings, weeds, twigs, leaves, branches (under 4 feet long, 4 inches in diameter), jack-o-lanterns and holiday trees (no flocking)

### The following items are not accepted:

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| Plastic bags   | Foam cups, packaging | Diapers                                       |
| Plastic film or wrap   | Glass                | Soil, rocks                                   |
| Plastic-coated food containers (i.e. milk cartons, ice cream containers) | Metal                | Stumps or branches over 4' long x 4" diameter |
|  | Grease or liquids    | Lumber or fencing                             |
|  | Pet waste            |   |



\*visit [gogreenscene.com](http://gogreenscene.com) for a list of approved compostable products

For more information visit [wmnorthwest.com](http://wmnorthwest.com) or call 1-800-592-9995.

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# You Decide Where it Ends Up



One-third of all garbage sent to the landfill is food scraps, yard debris and uncoated paper! Combining food scraps and uncoated paper with your yard debris will reduce your garbage and create beneficial garden compost!



## Collecting food scraps in your compost cart is easy! Here's how:

Find a kitchen collection method that works for you:

1



A stylish compost pail.

3



A paper bag or an approved compostable bag.



2



A reusable kitchen container, such as an old pitcher.

Visit [recyclefood.com](http://recyclefood.com) for a list of compostable bag retailers in your community.



Empty collected food scraps into your grey compost cart. Your compost cart will be picked up on your collection day.

### COMPOST TIPS

- Minimize odors and pests in your kitchen by storing food scraps in refrigerator or freezer
- Keep your compost pail or pitcher clean by lining with newspaper, paper towels or an approved compostable bag
- Store compost pail or container on countertop, in refrigerator or under sink for easy access
- Minimize odors and pests in your compost cart by layering food scraps with yard debris

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