



Nearly 30% of garbage is food scraps

Composting food scraps helps make healthy soil and prevents pollution that comes from food rotting in landfills.

Container tips

- Line container with newspaper, paper bag or a Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable bag.
- Freeze meat and fish until collection.
- Empty food scraps into the yard debris roll cart often.
- Wash container with soap and water.



Roll cart tips

- Keep lid closed.
- Mix food scraps and yard debris to reduce odors.
- Keep cart in the shade.
- Sprinkle baking soda inside the cart to prevent odors and bugs.
- Wash cart with soap and water.



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Solid Waste & Recycling



Guide to curbside food composting

Include food scraps with yard debris

Collecting food scraps is easy

1

Place food scraps container in a convenient spot.



2

Collect all food scraps in the container.



3

Empty food scraps container into yard debris cart.



Do include

- ✓ Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, eggs, cheese, dairy, bread, baked goods, pasta, rice, beans, nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit
- ✓ Peels, pits, eggshells, bones and coffee grounds
- ✓ Raw or cooked food, plate scrapings, leftovers and spoiled food
- ✓ Paper coffee filters and tea bags
- ✓ Food-soiled paper napkins and paper towels
- ✓ Only use BPI certified compostable bags



Do not include

- ✗ Coffee cups, paper plates, take-out food containers or wrappers, drink cups, straws or utensils.



- ✗ "Compostable" containers, packaging, or other items labeled "biodegradable" or "made from plants."



- ✗ Wax paper, parchment paper or facial tissue.



- ✗ Plastic bags, plastic wrap or other packaging.



- ✗ Liquids, grease or cooking oil.



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