



# Organic Waste Collection

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## 3 SIMPLE RULES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ It can be eaten  
(Or it is a part of something that is eaten)
- ✓ It is made of paper or cardboard  
(Clean or dirty, not waxed or coated)
- ✓ It's garden waste  
(Except branches)

## Schedule

Fridays, starting January 6, 2023  
Every two weeks from November to April  
Weekly from May to October



## ACCEPTED MATERIALS



### Food waste

- Spoiled food
- Eggs and eggshells
- Coffee grounds
- Fruits and vegetables
- Bread
- Pasta and cereals
- Fish and seafood (including bones, skin, fat and shells)
- Dairy products
- Tea bags
- Meat
- Any other food, table leftovers or processed foods, without packaging



### Fibers

- Soiled, unwaxed paper and cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes, paper plates, paper towels, etc.)
- Compostable paper bags

### Green waste

- Twigs
- Sawdust
- Shavings
- Bark
- Leaves, flowers
- Hay, grass, weeds (except certain noxious or invasive plants like Common reed)
- Roots



### Other organic materials accepted

- Cooled ashes
- Hair, fur, feathers, and nails
- Cat litter and animal excrement (except silica litter)

## BANNED MATERIALS



- Plastic bags (including those marked "biodegradable", "compostable" or "oxo-biodegradable")
- Corks
- Cigarettes
- Cotton swabs, diapers, dental floss, sanitary pads
- Dead animals
- Gloves
- Chewing gum
- Large branches
- Masks
- Medications
- Oyster or mussel shells
- Parchment, waxed or coated paper
- Dust, rocks
- Textiles
- All construction, and renovation materials



## HOW TO COLLECT ORGANICS

- Place your kitchen bin in an easy-to-reach area (beside the garbage bin, for example). Keep your collection schedule and reminder handy to check what is accepted.
- Empty your kitchen bin into the brown bin as soon as it is needed. During winter, line the bottom of your bin with cardboard or dead leaves to prevent organic material from freezing and sticking to the bottom.
- Put your brown bin at the curb for collection every week (or two depending on the period), even if it is not full.

## Tips and Tricks

- Use a brown paper bag or place newspaper in the bottom of the mini kitchen bin to absorb liquids.
- To prevent unpleasant odours, flies and worms, place leftover meats, dairy products and other odorous foods in a sheet of newspaper and seal it in a wrapper before tossing it into the brown bin. During summer months, freeze smelly food waste and add it to your brown bin the day before collection day.
- Place your brown bin at the curb every collection day, even if it is not full, especially when it's warm outside. Between collections, keep it in the shade, away from full sun.
- Keep your bins clean: rinse your kitchen and brown bin with a lot of water and soap, vinegar or baking soda. Avoid using bleach.
- To keep animals away, spread some menthol around the edges of the brown bin's lid or sprinkle some Cayenne pepper on it. You can also use a specially-designed locking system or a bungee cord to keep the bin closed. Make sure to unlock the bin or remove the cord on collection day. You can also take the same precautions as with household garbage.

Important: remember that plastic bags are banned from your brown bin, even those marked biodegradable or compostable. However, paper bags are accepted.

Only materials placed into the brown bin will be collected.

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