



Keeping Your Containers and Organics Recycling Cart Clean and Using Compostable Bags

You do not have to line your kitchen scraps container or organics recycling cart. However, using a compostable bag or paper liner will keep your kitchen container and carts clean and reduce odour.

If you wish to line your kitchen container and organics recycling cart, you can use compostable bags, newspaper or paper products like paper towels and paper bags.

Large and small compostable and paper bags are available at grocery stores, drug stores and home hardware stores. Large paper yard waste bags are available at home hardware retailers.

If I want to use bags, why do they need to be paper or compostable?

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|  | Compostable bags do not contain plastic and can be processed with your kitchen scraps and yard trimmings into compost and fertilizer. |
|  | Plastic and biodegradable bags contain plastic and cannot be processed with your organics into compost. If plastic or biodegradable bags are used, the organics recycling will not be collected because it cannot be recycled or taken to the landfill because of the food scraps ban. |

How do I know I'm using compostable bags?

Compostable bags are available at many local retailers. Look for the certified Compostable logo to ensure you are purchasing bags which can be composted with your kitchen scraps and yard trimmings.



Please remember, do NOT place any plastics in your organics recycling cart. They can't be composted.



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it's good all around.

Organics recycling includes:

- **Food leftovers:** including meat, fish, poultry, bones, dairy products, bread, solidified fats and grease, fruit and vegetables and plate scrapings.
- **Food soiled paper products:** including paper towels and food packaging such as used paper cups and plates.
- **Yard trimmings:** including grass clippings, prunings, plants and branches.



- ✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ✓ Food leftovers, plate scrapings
- ✓ Meat, fish and bones
- ✓ Dairy products, butter, mayonnaise
- ✓ Eggshells
- ✓ Bread, cereal, grains
- ✓ Pasta, pizza
- ✓ Baked goods, candies

- ✓ Soiled paper towels
- ✓ Soiled paper food packaging
- ✓ Used paper cups and plates
- ✓ Coffee filters and grounds
- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Solidified fat and grease
- ✓ Baking ingredients, herbs, spices
- ✓ Yard trimmings: grass clippings, prunings, plants and branches

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What goes in my garbage cart?

Garbage includes:

- Plastic bags, Styrofoam
- Chip and cookie bags
- Pet food bags and other lined bags
- Butter wrappers
- Bread clips or ties
- Cigarettes and butts
- Make-up remover pads, cotton swaps and balls
- Dental floss, rubber bands
- Sanitary hygiene products
- Diapers, baby wipes, tissues with human waste
- Dryer sheets and lint
- Vacuum contents and bags
- Bagged pet feces and pet litter

