

Food Scraps Recycling: 3 simple steps



1. Collect

Wrap food scraps in paper towels or newspapers and place them in your kitchen container.



2. Empty

Empty your kitchen container into your green bin frequently. Keep the lid on your green bin closed when not in use.



3. Rinse

Rinse out your container, and line with a paper bag, paper towels or newspapers to reduce odours and moisture.



No plastic bags, including those labelled as compostable or biodegradable.

To prevent odours and pests in your green bin:

- Line your bin with newspaper, greasy pizza box or yard trimmings
- Alternate layers of food scraps with dry yard trimmings
- Store your bin in a shady area
- Rinse your bin regularly

More tips at vancouver.ca/greenbin

Zero Waste 2040

Since the start of the Green Bin program, Vancouver households have diverted thousands of truck loads of organic material away from the landfill.

The job isn't finished yet!

Our recent waste audits show one-third of residential garbage is organic waste that belongs in the green bin.

By recycling all our food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings in the green bin, we'll keep valuable resources out of the landfill, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and create nutrient-rich compost for gardeners and landscapers.



Download our **VanCollect app** to get collection reminders, access Waste Wizard and manage your bins.



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✓ Food scraps

✓ Food-soiled paper

✓ Yard trimmings

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ACCEPTED IN THE GREEN BIN

✓ Food scraps



Plate scrapings and spoiled leftovers



Bread, pasta, and grains



Dairy products, including cheese, and yogurt



Eggs and egg shells



Fruit and vegetable scraps



Meat and bones



Small amounts of cooking oil, grease, and fat



Noodles, rice, and beans



Fish, seafood, and shells



Spent coffee grounds



Paper tea bags



Pumpkins



✓ Food-soiled paper



Pizza boxes with food residue



Paper napkins and paper towels



Paper plates and dishes (no plastic coating)



Newspaper (used to line kitchen catchers)



Paper bags (used to line kitchen catchers)



✓ Yard trimmings and wood waste



Leaves and grass clippings



Short branches and prunings (smaller than 10cm in diameter & 50 cm long)



Weeds, plants, and flowers



Clean wood waste - small pieces only



Wooden cutlery and chopsticks



Wooden skewers and popsicle sticks



NOT ACCEPTED



Plastic produce bags



All plastic bags, including those labelled compostable or biodegradable.



Plastic containers & cartons labelled compostable or biodegradable



Pet waste, pet waste bags, or cat litter



Vacuum contents and lint



Large amounts of cooking oil, grease, and fat



Liquids of any kind



Dirt, rocks, soil, or sod



Large branches and prunings (larger than 10cm in diameter & 50 cm long)



Painted, stained, or treated wood



Diapers, wipes, and used facial tissues

IMPORTANT! No plastics in the green bin.
This includes plastic bags and containers labelled as compostable and biodegradable.

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We can cut down on avoidable food waste by buying only what we need, storing food properly, and using up what we have first.

Visit LoveFoodHateWaste.ca for more ideas and tips!