

Make it easy!

Looking for an easy way to collect food scraps in the kitchen for your green cart? Use the kitchen catcher provided (or any reusable container like a coffee can or plastic food storage container). When it's full, dump into your cart!



1 Line your kitchen catcher with paper or a compostable bag. Keep your container in a convenient location in your kitchen, such as on your countertop or under the sink.



2 While cooking or cleaning up, place leftover food scraps in your container.



3 Empty your kitchen catcher into your green cart before your collection day.

Worried about smells in your kitchen catcher or green cart?

Try these helpful ideas:

- Sprinkle in some baking soda or wash with vinegar
- Line with newspaper/cardboard or compostable bag
- Rinse your cart with a garden hose when necessary
- Store your bin in a cool place out of the sun
- Wrap food scraps in a paper towel, newspaper, paper bag or box
- Summer: keep material frozen until organics collection day
- Grass: leave it on the lawn or cut it just a day or two before organics collection day



Collection tips

• Lining and layering

Line the bottom and sides of your organics cart with newspaper/cardboard. After 30 cm (12") of wet organics (food waste, leaves), add some dry organics (crumpled newspaper, pizza boxes). This reduces the possibility of organics freezing to the cart when the temperature drops. Layering is even more important during the time of year when temperatures fluctuate frequently.

• Keep it fluffy

Avoid packing contents of the cart down. Organic materials may become stuck in the cart and the truck may not be able to fully empty it.

• Wrap it up

Wrap wet or smelly organics in soiled boxes (from cereal or crackers), paper bags or newspaper to help prevent them from freezing to the cart.



Wrap food scraps in a paper towel or old newspaper.



Bag food scraps in a plain paper bag to prevent scraps from sticking to the cart.



Collect food scraps in a cereal box or tissue box. Be sure to remove any plastic lining.

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Organics

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What goes in your green cart:



Food and food scraps: if you can eat it, you can toss it in your green cart!

- coffee grounds and filters, tea bags
- corn cobs and husks
- dairy products, egg shells
- fat and grease
- meat and fish bones and shells
- nuts and shells
- plate scrapings



Plants: more than just yard waste!

- branches and pruning (less than 6" diameter, less than 36" long)
- grass clippings, weeds
- houseplant clippings and flowers
- leaves and yard waste
- limited amount of sod
- please note: NO dirt or topsoil



Food-soiled paper: any paper goods that touched food!

- flour and sugar bags
- greasy pizza boxes
- paper coffee bags and filters
- paper cups (incl. coffee cups, no lids)
- paper plates
- paper muffin wrappers
- paper towels, tissues and napkins



Keep it light!

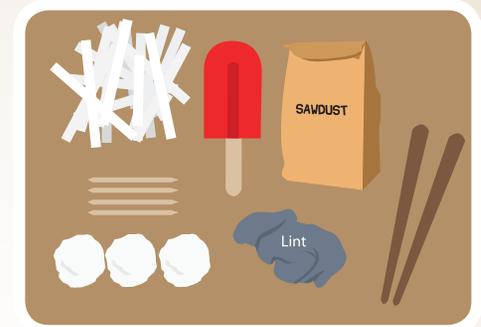
There is a weight limit so carts can be lifted and emptied

- 240L cart: 100kg
- 120L cart: 50kg

Unacceptable items

Your green cart will NOT be emptied if it contains ANY of the following:

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| • aluminum | • hazardous waste |
| • animal carcasses | • liquids |
| • bricks or stones | • lumber |
| • ceramics or glass | • medical waste |
| • cigarette butts/ashes | • metal |
| • clothing | • plastic bags or containers |
| • diapers | • plastic straws |
| • dirt or topsoil | • plastic wine corks |
| • feminine products | • styrofoam |
| • garbage | • tree stumps |
| • glossy paper | |



Natural fibers: these are all compostable!

- hair and nail clippings
- toothpicks, wooden chopsticks, sawdust and popsicle sticks
- used tissues, cotton balls and lint
- shredded paper



Pet products: yes, these are compostable!

- animal bedding (eg., wood shavings, hay)
- bird seed
- kitty litter
- pet food
- pet fur, feathers
- pet waste (in compostable bags only)



You may use bags to collect your organics if they are paper or certified compostable.

Do not use plastic or so-called biodegradable bags.

Look for these logos:

