

Materials accepted in the Green Bin

More than 20 types of organic materials are accepted in the green bin, including many items unsuitable for home composting. If you already compost, you will find the green bin works to further reduce your household waste.

The Green Bin Program is not intended to replace home composting but to enhance diversion from the landfill that composting organic waste can offer. You should continue to compost at home. The green bin will take materials that don't compost well at home. It takes composting to a new level - Beyond Composting.

Green Bin Acceptable/Unacceptable Materials



- Food leftovers, plate scrapings
- Meat, fish, poultry and bones
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Dairy products, butter, mayonnaise
- Egg shells
- Bread, cereal, grains
- Pasta, rice, pizza
- Baked goods, candies
- Soiled paper towels and tissues
- Soiled paper food packaging
- Food soiled cardboard
- Used paper cups and plates
- Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
- Ice cream and milk & cream cartons
- Baking ingredients, herbs, spices
- Houseplants, cut and dried flowers
- Nuts and shells
- Compostable bags (must have certified compostable logo)



- NO PLASTICS such as**
- Plastic bags & wrap
 - Plastics straws and creamers,
 - Plastic containers, utensils, plates
 - Bread clips or ties
 - Styrofoam trays and packaging
 - Plastic liner bags - cereal, cracker, chips, cookies, pet food etc.
 - Biodegradable or degradable bags

- NO METALS such as**
- Foil wrap, pouches and pie plates
 - Foil butter or food wrap
 - Metal cans, hangers, twist ties

- OTHER MATERIALS such as**
- Yard and garden waste
 - Glass jars
 - Drink boxes, juice and soy milk cartons
 - Make-up remover pads, cotton swabs and balls
 - Dental floss, rubber bands
 - Diapers, baby wipes
 - Dryer sheets and lint
 - Cigarettes and butts
 - Vacuum contents and bags
 - Pet feces or litter
 - Hair
 - Textiles

