

Composting Right: Guide to Proper Green Cart Use



Hints on Using Your Green Cart



- Place your mini bin in a convenient location in your kitchen and empty it frequently — every day or every second day. It is also important to clean your mini bin frequently and wash your hands after using it.
- Place your green cart in a convenient location outside your home.
- Wrap table scraps in paper or boxboard before placing them in the cart.
- Do not use plastic bags to line your mini bin or green cart. Plastic is not compostable.
- Remove plastics from boxboard (i.e. plastic liners from cereal boxes and plastic windows from tissue boxes).
- Do not overfill your cart — the lid must be able to close.

Odour Control

You can help to reduce odours by keeping stored materials relatively dry or by containing odours. This can be achieved in a few ways:

1. When the cart is empty place some **loosely balled-up newspaper** on top of the grate to soak up any excess liquid. Thick layers of matted paper will restrict air flow so it is important to use only enough loosely balled-up paper to soak up liquids and no more.
2. When placing especially odorous materials (meat, fish etc.) in the cart put them first **in an empty cereal box** or other box board container and fold over the top or wrap them in two or three sheets of newspaper to seal in odours. Another option is to store these items in your fridge or freezer until collection day.
3. Compostable bags which are marked with one of the following two logos, are accepted in the green carts. These logos certify that the bag meets industry standards for composting. Both the individual bags and the package will be marked with the logo.



If you have any questions please feel free to contact us anytime at 1-877-927-8300 or online at vwrm.com

What Goes In Your Green Cart



Food Waste			Paper Products	Other Items
Baked goods Bones Bread Butter and margarine Cake Candy Cereal Cheese Coffee filters and grounds Cookies Corn cobs and husks Dairy products Eggs and eggshells	Fish and fish parts Flour Fruit Grains Gravy and sauces Grease / lard / fat Herbs and spices Jams and jellies Mayonnaise Meat and meat products Nuts and nut shells Oatmeal Pasta	Peanut butter Pizza Popcorn Rice Salads Shellfish Sugar Syrup Tea bags Vegetables Yogurt	Facial tissues Freezer paper Greasy pizza boxes Paper bags Paper napkins / plates Paper towels Waxed paper	Feathers Hair Houseplants Nail clippings Pet Hair Popsicle sticks Sawdust (in paper bags) Toothpicks Wood chips

What Does NOT Go In Your Green Cart



If you got an OOPS! Sticker on your green cart you might have put something in that isn't compostable. Your green cart can take a lot of different items but not everything is compostable. Check out the list below to see some of the things not accepted in green carts and where they should be placed for proper disposal.

Aluminum Foil (Dirty) – Garbage Ceramics – Garbage Diapers – Garbage Drinking Straws – Garbage Chip Bags – Garbage Dryer Sheets – Garbage Disposable Cups – Garbage Pet Waste – Garbage Sanitary Products - Garbage	Aluminum Foil (Clean) – Blue Bag Glass Jars – Blue Bag Milk Cartons – Blue Bag Cereal Box Liners (Clean) – Blue Bag Plastic Bags & Containers – Blue Bag Styrofoam Products – Blue Bag Textiles – Garbage or donate Rocks Tree Stumps Wood (Treated or large amounts) Hazardous Waste – Bring to Management Center for free disposal
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