



GREEN CART TIPS



In summer, reduce odours and increase cart cleanliness

- Wrap food waste in newsprint, cereal boxes, flour, sugar, potato bags etc. 100% compostable bags are also accepted with the following logos:



- Clean the cart periodically
- Keep the lid closed
- Store the cart in a well ventilated, shady area
- Put the green cart out for collection, even if it's not full
- Refrigerate or freeze very smelly items (e.g. seafood) until collection day
- Clean out your fridge the day before collection, not the day after!



In winter



- **No Ashes, please!** They could cause a fire in the green cart or garbage truck
- Prevent freezing/sticking to the sides of the cart by wrapping food waste in paper products or compostable bags
- In snowy conditions, set the cart about six feet back from roadside



Insects and animals a problem?

- Maggots thrive in moist conditions. Remove as much moisture as possible by draining and wrapping food and put in the shade
- If maggots arrive, put cart in sunlight and leave the lid open. They will crawl down away from the light. Practice preventative measures above
- Deter insects from around the lid with dish soap, salt or lime
- Cover materials with a layer of leaves or grass to deter flies
- Keep raccoons out with a bungee cord around the cart lid. *Please remove bungee cord on garbage day*
- Call us for replacement if animals chew through your cart

For more tips, contact us anytime



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