

COMPOST GUIDELINES

You can compost a lot more than just kitchen scraps in your curbside compost bin. Here's a breakdown of what's acceptable.

LOW-GRADE PAPER

- Tissues
- Paper towels and napkins
- Paper towel / toilet paper rolls
- Paper bags
- Greasy pizza boxes and wet or waxed cardboard
- Small paper items and packaging (pill bottle boxes, price tags, other small items)
- Wrapping paper (no ribbons, foil or tape)
- Tissue paper



- Eggshells
- Spoiled/moldy food
- Chopsticks and wooden stir sticks
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Loose tea and tea bags (no tea bag wrappers or plastic tea bags)
- Weeds
- Hair
- Kitty Litter
- Flowers
- Potted plants



MORE COMPOSTABLES

- #7 PLA bioplastic made from corn (can include cups, containers, straws, lids and utensils); trusted brands include Eco-Products®, NatureWorks® and Biocorp®
- Compost bags made from PLA bioplastic; trusted brands include BioBag, Bag-to-Nature, Natur-Bag and Glad compostable bags
- Chinet® (plain paper plates and bowls without a plastic coating)
- Plates, bowls and containers made from sugarcane



KITCHEN SCRAPS & YARD TRIMMINGS

- Fruit and vegetable scraps, including pits and seeds
- Meat, including bones
- Dairy products
- Breads and sandwiches



PLEASE NO

- Plastic items of any kind, including plastic bags and Styrofoam®
- Plastic-coated paper plates, cups or other items
- Utensils (Forks, Knives, & Spoons)
- Popcorn bags
- To-go
- Sugar packets
- Liquids, including cooking oil or grease
- Milk or juice cartons (recycle with commingled containers)
- Dryer lint
- Foil or metal
- Tape
- Biohazards, including diapers or sanitary items
- Soap
- Metal
- Leaves
- Pet waste
- Fabric scraps or string (they become tangled in shredding equipment or may be made of synthetic fibers)
- Plastic or Nylon twine (for branches)
- Construction debris



Organic Waste MUST be placed in

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