

How to Recycle Organics

5 STEPS TO ORGANICS RECYCLING

✓ Step 1

Choose a container with a closable lid to collect your food scraps throughout the week.

*Ask your waste/recycling hauler if they offer storage caddies to their customers. If not, any solid container with a lid will work.

✓ Step 2

Know what to throw – YES to food scraps and food-soiled paper. NO to any plastics, plastic bags, metal, and glass.

✓ Step 3

Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper and place them directly into your storage container. Paper bags, paper towels, and newspaper may be used to “wrap your scraps”. **DO NOT** use any plastic or compostable plastic bags.

✓ Step 4

Store your container in a convenient place (on the counter, under the sink, or in the freezer).

✓ Step 5

Transport to the organics bin – place collected food scraps and food-soiled paper directly into the organics (green) bin on top of any yard trimmings like leaves, grass clippings, branches, and untreated lumber. It's recommended you place your food scraps and food-soiled paper into your organics bin the night before collection.

WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE

✓ YES If it grows, it goes!



Food scraps – fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, eggshells, breads, coffee grounds, grains, prepared foods

Food-soiled paper – napkins, paper towels, paper tea bags, paper plates, coffee filters, paper take-out containers, greasy pizza boxes

Yard trimmings – leaves, grass clippings, branches, unpainted and untreated wood and lumber

**Remove all produce stickers, twist ties, and rubber bands before placing items in your collection container

⊘ NO



Plastic bags, glass, metal, plastics, pet waste and cat litter, diapers, rocks, soil, trash, or compostable plastic



Together, we can make a difference.

By keeping organic materials out of the trash, we can preserve landfill space, create healthy soil through composting, and generate renewable natural gas through anaerobic digestion.

For more information, please contact your city, county, or waste and recycling hauler.

Learn more at: R1Earth.org

