

Residential Food and Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

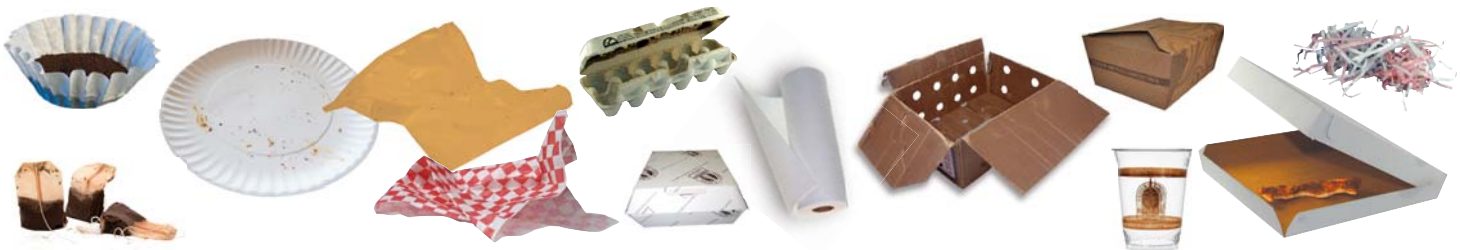
Food

Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains and leftovers



Food-Soiled Paper

Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, waxed cardboard, soiled paper bags, kitchen paper towels, paper napkins, non-coated paper plates, approved compostable containers* and loose shredded paper



Plants, Flowers and Vegetative Garden Waste

Plants and flowers, landscape vegetation, vegetative garden waste, windfall fruit, jack-o-lanterns and holiday trees



The following items are not accepted:

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| Plastic bags | Styrofoam | Diapers |
| Plastic film or wrap | Glass | Soil, rocks |
| Plastic-coated food containers (i.e. milk cartons, ice cream containers) | Metal | Stumps or branches over 4" long x 4" diameter |
| | Grease or liquids | Lumber or fencing |
| | Pet waste | |



*visit gogreenscene.com for a list of approved compostable products

For more information visit wmnorthwest.com.

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You Decide Where it Ends Up

One third of garbage sent to the landfill is food waste, yard waste and food-soiled paper! Combining food scraps and food-soiled paper with your yard waste will reduce your garbage and turn your yard trimmings and leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper into beneficial garden compost.



Collecting food scraps in your yard waste cart is nearly as easy as throwing them away as garbage, here's how:

1 Find the kitchen collection method that works for you:



A stylish compost pail placed on the counter.



A reusable kitchen container, such as an old pitcher lined with a paper towel.
(Hint: Store in refrigerator to minimize odors until ready to take out)



A paper bag or an approved compostable bag.
(visit recyclefood.com for a list of compostable bag retailers in your community)



Alternatively, wrap food scraps in newspaper and store in freezer until ready to take out to your yard waste cart.

2 At your convenience, empty collected food scraps into your yard waste cart. Your yard waste cart will get emptied on your regularly scheduled collection day. *(Hint: Bury food under yard waste to minimize pests or odors)*