

# YARD+FOOD WASTE



These go in your **green** yard+food waste cart.  
Collected weekly.

## Yard Waste & Plants

INCLUDES: Plants, grass clippings and weeds.  
(Remove plastic pots, twine, gardening tape and twist ties).

Leaves, tree branches and roots.  
(4' or shorter & less than  
4" in diameter).

All debris must fit in cart  
with lid closed.



## Food Waste & Leftovers


All food including meat, bones, fish and cheese.



No utensils,  
cups, or dishes—  
even if labeled  
"compostable" or  
"biodegradable".

## YARD+FOOD TIPS

**Gather food scraps**  
from your kitchen in:

- Paper grocery bag
- Reusable container
- Newspaper
- Certified compostable bag  
(Look for this symbol) → 



**Empty contents of reusable  
container** into the yard+food  
waste cart frequently and rinse out.

**NO SHREDDED PAPER,  
TO-GO CONTAINERS,  
MILK CARTONS,  
OR PET WASTE.** 

## Composting for the Holidays



Remove candles  
from Jack-o'-lanterns



Remove twine



Un-flocked, undecorated whole  
trees cut to less than six feet in  
height are acceptable.



**Christmas Tree  
Collection Event:**

Check your service  
calendar or visit  
[wmnorthwest.com/auburn](http://wmnorthwest.com/auburn)

## Paper

No shiny, plastic lined or coated materials.  
Greasy food soiled paper is ok.



## Extra Yard Waste



(collected for a charge)

If you often generate extra yard  
waste, additional yard waste carts  
are offered at a discounted rate.  
For occasional extra yard waste,  
place next to yard+food waste  
cart in any of the following:

- Heavy brown paper yard bags  
(available at hardware stores)
- 32-gallon cans labeled  
"Yard Waste" (65 lb. limit)
- Bundles tied with natural  
twine (4'x2' limit)

**NO FOOD WASTE IN EXTRA  
YARD WASTE CONTAINERS**

**NO EXTRA YARD WASTE IN  
PLASTIC BAGS.**

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