

# Food Waste Composting

## Food Waste



Collected weekly on your regular collection day.

### Food Waste

Fruits & vegetables, table scraps, meat, fish, poultry, bones, dairy products, fat, bread, rice, pasta, coffee grounds, filters, tea bags, eggshells, etc.

### Paper Fibres

Paper egg cartons, fast food drink trays, paper food cartons, paper plates & cups, soiled paper towels, tissues and serviettes.

### Other Compostable Items

House plants, flowers, sawdust & wood shavings, bedding from pet cages, dryer lint and hair.

### Unacceptable Items

Food packaging materials, kitty litter, animal wastes, diapers and sanitary products.

### Beware of imitation biodegradable bags!

Glad Bags are NOT acceptable for food waste composting in Pickering. Please use bags that have one of the following symbols on them.



Visit our web site for a list of retailers that carry certified biodegradable kitchen liner bags.

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## Kitchen Food Waste Container



Put the container in your kitchen in a convenient place. Some residents will keep it on the kitchen counter while others will prefer to place it under the kitchen sink.

Place a 100% biodegradable liner bag inside this container. Empty your food wastes directly into the liner bag. When odours are noticeable or the liner bag is nearly full, tie the liner bag closed. To avoid spills and for ease of composting, carry your kitchen container and its contents to where you keep your curbside Green Bin.

Please do not set out the kitchen container at the curb. Only place the curbside Green Bin at the curb, as it has a lockable lid.

## Curbside Green Bin



The large curbside Green Bin is to store the food waste. Set out at the curb for weekly collection.

Place the curbside Green Bin in a convenient location in the garage or shed. This is usually near the garbage can.

Line the bottom of the curbside Green Bin with newspaper as a dry absorbent liner. Newspaper is compostable and will help minimize any odours and leakage.

On collection day, lock the lid and place the Green Bin and its contents at the curb before 7:00 a.m.