

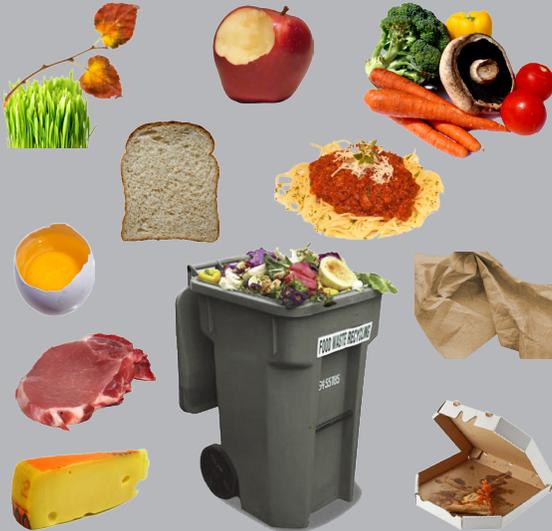
How to Compost Food Waste in your Mixed Organics Cart

Provided by your recycling block captain, June 2012

HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

What can I put in my cart?

ACCEPTED: Yard debris, fruits, veggies, grains, breads, pasta, egg shells, meats, dairy, napkins, paper towels, waxed paper and pizza boxes



NOT IN THIS CART: Plastic, grease, liquids, utensils, plastic bags, animal waste, poison oak, poison ivy, Japanese Knotweed

What happens to my organic waste?

It is transported to the Pacific Region Compost (PRC) facility, where yard waste, wood waste and food waste are mixed together.



Any non-organic material is removed by hand before composting. The organic material

is covered, aerated and broken down into compost, usually within 90 days. The high temperatures generated ensure that bacteria and pathogens are eliminated.

Where can I buy the compost?

Public Area of Coffin Butte Landfill
28971 Coffin Butte Rd., Corvallis, OR
(11 miles from downtown Corvallis)
(541) 745-5831
www.pacificregioncompost.com

Why should I use this cart?

- **Save landfill space:** About 20% of waste going into landfills is food waste! Diverting this material helps lengthen the life of our landfill.
- **Turn "waste" to a rich soil amendment:** Compost helps retain moisture, increases nutrients, decreases the need for chemicals, and helps prevent soil erosion.



HOW DO I GET STARTED?

How should I collect my food waste?

Keep a container with a tight fitting lid on the kitchen counter, under the sink or in a another convenient location.



Find something at home that can be repurposed - like a bucket or yogurt tub - or purchase a container. Choose what works best for you!

Scrape food directly into it as you prepare food or clean the kitchen.

Isn't composting yucky? How do I avoid this?

If you have concerns about odors or pests that deter you from collecting food waste, try these tried and true tips!

Tips for Kitchen Collection:

- Empty your kitchen container into your cart daily. Rinse out the container if there's any food residue.
- An easy way to eliminate drippings and odor is to keep your in-house collection container in your freezer.



Tips for your Cart:

If you have yard debris, layer it under and on top of food waste to keep the cart cleaner and odor free. When you don't have yard debris, layer with newspaper, shredded paper or cardboard. (Pizza boxes work well!)

