

A Rind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste

A guide to composting at the curb



What Can Go in My “Mixed Organics” (a.k.a. Yard Debris) Cart?

Put It In Compost

YES

Produce Peels & Trim
Plate Scrapings
Bones/Skins
Eggshells
Tea Bags
Coffee Grounds/Filters
Spoiled/Stale/Inedible Foods
- Fruits/Vegetables
- Breads/Pasta
- Meats
- Beans/Nuts/Seeds
- Cheese/Dairy
Napkins
Paper Towels
Pizza Boxes
Yard Debris

Leave It Out

NO

Plastic
Grease/Oil
Liquids
Glass
Metals
Garbage
Styrofoam
Drink Cartons
Compostable Plastics
Restroom Paper
Hazardous Waste
Pet Waste



Don't waste food! Buy what you need, eat what you buy.

How Do I Get Started? Begin Kitchen Collection!

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



NO FOOD LEFT BEHIND
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- Find something at home that can be repurposed - like a bucket or yogurt tub!
- Or drop by the “No Food Left Behind” booth at the Saturday Farmers’ Market for a compost collection pail like the one pictured (available by donation, \$0-5).

Choose what works best for you!

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” into a rich soil amendment:** Compost helps retain moisture, increases nutrients, decreases the need for chemicals, and helps prevent soil erosion.



Republic Services’ composting facility, where our curbside mixed organics are processed.

How Do I Keep It Clean? Try These Tips and Tricks!

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:

- Line your kitchen container with scrap paper or a paper bag (both compostable) so contents pour out cleanly.
- Empty your container into your cart frequently and rinse/wash as needed.
- Keep your container in your fridge or 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 or cardboard. (Pizza boxes work well!)

