



Household Organic Waste

Household organic waste includes food waste and food-soiled paper. These materials currently make up about 30% of the waste that's sent to landfills, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). For more than 30 years, Republic Services has provided organic waste recycling solutions that support our customers and surrounding communities. Composting is a popular method of diverting organic waste away from landfills and contributing to the circular economy.



Residential Organics Recycling

Your Guide to Co-Collected Organics Collection



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What Does Organics Mean?

Organics include food waste and food-soiled paper products.

Compost Your Food Scraps

By learning how to compost your food scraps, you can turn them into nutrient-rich fertilizer. By placing your food scraps and other organic materials into your Green Bag™ Organix bag, you're contributing to the circular economy. Common contaminants include non-compostable cups, utensils and liners/bags not certified compostable.

Benefits of Composting

- ▶ **Reduce greenhouse gases:** Less organic waste in landfills means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the air.
- ▶ **Organics converted to compost:** Organic waste can be converted into compost—a nutrient-rich soil amendment.
- ▶ **Minimize landfill waste:** Organic waste recycling diverts food waste from landfills and beneficially reuses it.
- ▶ **Sustainable community:** Composting can reduce the household waste that goes to a landfill and can benefit the environment.



Have questions?

Call **763.972.3335**

How to Recycle Organic Materials

1

Discard food waste and food-soiled paper from meals, your refrigerator and the pantry into a kitchen compost caddy, separate from your other household trash.

Use a kitchen scraps recycling setup that's most convenient for you and your household. You may use any sturdy, washable container as a kitchen compost bucket.

Don't use plastic shopping bags, other kinds of plastic bags or biodegradable bags. Residents can choose to use other smaller compostable bags to put in our 13-gallon Green Bag™ Organix bag.

2

Empty your kitchen caddy into the 13-gallon green BPI-certified bag.

Unlike most plastic trash bags, the Green Bag™ Organix bag is specially made to be compostable. All your household's organics, including flattened and folded pizza boxes, go into that special Green Bag™ Organix bag.

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For trash day, tightly hand-tie the 13-gallon Green Bag™ Organix bag liner and place it inside your trash cart for curbside pickup. We'll separate all Green Bag™ Organix bags from other trash at our facility. Then, they'll go to an industrial composting facility.

After going through an industrial composting facility, recycled food waste from households like yours will be converted into nutrient-rich compost.



What Goes Where?



Acceptable

- ✓ Spoiled leftovers
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ✓ Meat and bones
- ✓ Coffee grounds and filters
- ✓ Tea leaves and tea bags (staples removed)
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Paper towels and napkins
- ✓ Pizza boxes
- ✓ BPI-certified products



Unacceptable

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| ✗ Twist ties | ✗ Clothes |
| ✗ Aluminum foil | ✗ Cigarette butts |
| ✗ Cooking oils, fats or grease | ✗ Pet waste or kitty litter |
| ✗ Staples | ✗ Rocks or bricks |
| ✗ Personal sanitary products | ✗ Microwaveable popcorn bags |
| ✗ Plastics | ✗ Recyclable papers |
| ✗ Glass and metals | ✗ Brush |
| ✗ Styrofoam™ | ✗ Foil-lined cartons, containers or packaging |
| ✗ K-cups | |
| ✗ Yard waste | |
| ✗ Diapers or wipes | |