

Green Cart Tips

KEEP YOUR CART CLEAN to help avoid pests and rodents

- ◆ Hose out your cart on a regular basis
- ◆ Wrap food in cereal/cracker boxes or newspaper
- ◆ Refrigerate or freeze smelly items until collection
- ◆ Put cat litter in paper bags or recommended compostable bags



DON'T OVERFILL YOUR CART

The **maximum capacity is 220 lb (100kg)**. Carts exceeding this weight cannot be lifted by the hydraulics on the collection truck. Brush must also be cut to fit in a cart or bundled for collection. Empty your cart on a regular basis to avoid overloading it.



DON'T PUT HOT ASHES IN YOUR CART

Ashes put in the green cart can cause a fire. Ashes are generally fine for your backyard compost pile. If you are unable to put ashes in your garden, put ashes outside until they are cold before putting them in a clear garbage bag for collection. Do not put ashes in your green cart as they could contain metal pieces or other items.

DON'T LOCK US OUT!

Bungee cords and locks must be opened or removed before collection. Drivers are not responsible for replacing them on your cart.



Each year over 9,000 tonnes of organics are collected in green carts and turned into compost.

WINTER COLLECTION (How to stop contents in carts from freezing)

- ◆ Put a layer of balled-up paper in the bottom of the cart or spray your cart with cooking spray to stop food from sticking to the side of the cart.
- ◆ Wrap food waste in paper products (cracker/cereal boxes) to help reduce moisture that can freeze. Using compostable paper bags to stop food from sticking to the sides of the cart.
- ◆ When setting out carts, do not place in snow banks or set on icy surfaces. Carts should be set out no further than 15 feet from the curb and not impede pedestrian, vehicular traffic or snow plows.

Composting Right: Guide to Proper Green Cart Use

Hints on Using Your Green Cart

- Place your mini bin in a convenient location in your kitchen and empty it frequently — every day or every second day. It is also important to clean your mini bin frequently and wash your hands after using it.
- Place your green cart in a convenient location outside your home.
- Wrap table scraps in paper or boxboard before placing them in the cart.
- Do not use plastic bags to line your mini bin or green cart. Plastic is not compostable. Only use compostable bags that display the following symbols:



- Remove plastics from boxboard (i.e. plastic liners from cereal boxes and plastic windows from tissue boxes).
- Do not overfill your cart — the lid must be able to close.



What Goes In Your Green Cart



Paper Products

- Greasy pizza boxes
- Paper napkins
- Paper towel
- Waxed paper
- Paper bags
- Freezer paper
- Paper plates
- Facial tissues

Food Waste

- Butter and margarine
- Bones
- Bread/buns
- Baked goods
- Candy
- Cereal
- Fruit
- Popcorn
- Fish
- Grains
- Syrup
- Coffee filters and grounds
- Corn cobs and husks
- Dairy products
- Cheese
- Nuts and nut shells
- Rice
- Eggs and Eggshells
- Tea Bags
- Mayonnaise
- Oatmeal
- Gravy and sauces
- Pasta
- Herbs and spices
- Yogurt
- Grease/lard/fat
- Vegetables
- Meat and meat products
- Jams and jellies
- Shellfish
- Flour (in paper bag)
- Sugar
- Cooking Oil

Other Items

- Wood chips (bagged)
- Popsicle sticks
- Sawdust (in paper bags)
- Toothpicks
- Houseplants
- Pet hair
- Hair
- Nail clippings
- Feathers
- Leaves
- Grass clippings



What Does NOT Go In Your Green Cart



If you got an OOPS! Sticker on your green cart you might have put something in that isn't compostable. Your green cart can take a lot of different items but not everything is compostable. Check out the list below to see some of the things not accepted in the green cart and where they should go for proper disposal.

Garbage - Clear Bag

- Aluminum foil (dirty)
- Plastic drinking straws
- Chip bags
- Dryer sheets
- Disposable cups
- Pet Waste
- Sanitary Products
- Ceramics
- Diapers

Container Recycling (Blue Bag)

- Aluminum foil
- Glass jars
- Milk cartons
- Cereal box liners (clean)
- Plastic bags (clean)
- Styrofoam

Other

- Textiles - donate or garbage
- Rocks
- Tree stumps
- Wood (Large amounts or treated)
- Hazardous Waste - Bring to Management Centre for free disposal



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