

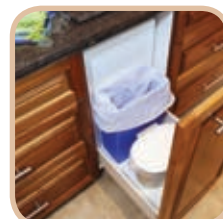
101 Green Cart



Green Cart Organics Program: Green Cart 101

Step 1

Put your kitchen collector on the counter or under your sink to keep it handy.



Step 2

Place a certified compostable bag inside your kitchen collector. Bags can be purchased at most retailers.



Step 3

Place your household organic waste inside the kitchen collector. Refer to attached list or fridge magnet for information on what goes in, and what doesn't.



Step 4

Every few days or when full, remove the contents of your kitchen collector, and place securely tied (no twist ties!) compostable bag in your Green Cart. Ensure the lid of your Green Cart is securely latched.



Step 5

Place your Green Cart at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular scheduled household waste collection day, even if the cart is not full.



Step 6

Collection crews will pick up your organic material with a co-collection vehicle that collects both recycling and organics. The trucks have two compartments to keep items separate.



Step 7

Organic material collected is then delivered to the Organic Compost Pad.



What goes IN



Remember...

look for these logos when purchasing compostable bags for your kitchen collector and/or Green Cart.

See sample products below



Food Items

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat and fish products
- Cooled grease and fat
- Sauces and gravy
- Dairy products
- Breads and grains
- Baked goods and ingredients
- Pasta and rice
- Eggs and eggshells
- Nuts and shells
- Coffee grounds/filters/tea bags

Non-Recyclable Paper Products

- Muffin paper cups
- Freezer and waxed paper
- Tissues, napkins, paper towels
- Paper plates, cups, takeout containers
- Waxed cardboard
- Ice cream cartons
- Sugar/flour/potato/popcorn bags

Other

- House plants and soil

What stays OUT

- Diapers
- Pet waste and litter
- Leaf and yard trimmings
- Feminine hygiene products
- Plastic bags and/or plastics of any kind
- Sawdust/ashes
- Cigarette butts
- Household hazardous waste
- Vacuum bags



At the Organic Compost Pad, clean wood chips are added to the organic material collected and the mixture is turned regularly to allow oxygen and water to circulate. The temperature is monitored frequently and once the composting process is complete, the material is screened to remove oversized particles and materials that will not break down. Before the material can be used, it must be tested to ensure it meets the Ministry of the Environment's Guidelines. Finished compost that has passed the testing requirements can then be used for landscaping or as a soil conditioner.





If the Green Cart breaks or cracks will the City replace it?

If there is a problem with your Green Cart, the City will replace it. Call 3-1-1 for information on where to go to replace it. You will need to bring your broken cart with you.

If the kitchen collector breaks or cracks will the City replace it?

The City will not replace kitchen collector containers. You can use a container such as an empty ice cream tub or dishwashing detergent tub.

Can I put my leaf and yard trimmings in the Green Cart?

No. Leaf and yard trimmings will be collected separately, but can still be placed at your curbside on your regular scheduled collection day. Please ensure leaf and yard trimmings are properly bundled and/or in paper compostable bags.

For specific details, visit our website or call 3-1-1.

What happens if there is unacceptable material in my Green Cart?

Unacceptable material would be defined as regular plastics or other non-compostable materials. If your Green Cart contains these items it will not be collected. Each resident is responsible for removing any unacceptable materials. Unacceptable materials complicate the composting process, which results in higher production costs and lowers the quality of the finished compost.

I compost already and don't want to participate. Is this okay?

Of course! We encourage you to continue backyard composting. At the same time, we also encourage you to participate in the Green Cart Organics Program because there are some additional items that you can't currently compost that are accepted in the Green Cart Organics Program.

How will my Green Cart be collected?

Place your Green Cart out for collection on your regular waste collection day, at your regular collection location. The Green Cart material will be collected by a co-collection vehicle that collects both recycling and organics. Remember to have your materials to the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day!

Where is the organic material going?

Your organic materials are picked up at the curb by co-collection vehicles and taken to the Organic Composting Pad at the Sudbury Landfill.

Will animals and rodents get into the Green Cart?

The carts are durable and designed to be animal and rodent-resistant, but there are additional steps you can take to discourage four-legged creatures.

- Please securely latch the lid on your Green Cart before setting it out.
- Whenever possible, set your Green Cart out in the morning (before 7:00 a.m.) rather than the night before.
- Make sure all contents are bagged and placed inside the Cart (no bags sticking out).

Will the Green Cart or kitchen collector smell?

Materials placed in your Green Cart are the same ones that would otherwise be placed in your garbage container. Some contents that are in the Green Cart may cause slight odours, just like they would if placed in your regular garbage bag/can. You can help reduce odours by:

- Rinsing/washing it regularly.
- Lining the bottom of the Green Cart and kitchen collector to absorb liquids. You can use newspapers, cardboard, paper egg cartons or paper towels.
- Freeze meat, fish and bones and only place in your Green Cart the morning of your collection day.
- Don't place hot items in your kitchen collector. Let hot foods, liquids or grease cool. Hot items may cause your compostable bags to breakdown faster.
- Place only tied and bagged organics in your Green Cart. Keep the lid to the Green Cart firmly closed.
- Place your Green Cart out for collection every week, even if only partially filled.

Why can't I use plastic bags in the Green Cart or the kitchen collector?

Plastic bags are not compostable; only certified compostable bags are to be used in your kitchen collector.

Where do I get more certified compostable bags?



Certified compostable bags can be purchased at most retail stores. Please ensure the bags are certified compostable. Look for either of these logos on the box/bags before purchasing.



More Information:

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