

Your Green Bin



Can It Go In?

 **YES - Include me!**

ALL FOOD

- Meat/Poultry
- Fish/Shellfish
- Cheese/Dairy
- Eggs
- Bread/Baked Goods
- Rice/Grains
- Pasta
- Beans
- Nuts/Seeds
- Fruits/Vegetables

ALL SCRAPS

- Peels
- Pits
- Eggshells
- Bones
- Coffee grounds
- Raw Food
- Cooked Food
- Plate Scrapings
- Leftovers
- Spoiled Food

FOOD SOILED PAPER

- Paper coffee filters / tea bags
- Napkins /paper towels
- Pizza delivery boxes



YARD DEBRIS

- Weeds, leaves, vines, grass, flowers, house plants, clippings, pumpkins.
- Small branches less than 4 inches thick and 36 inches long

NO - Keep me out!



DISPOSE OF SEPARATELY

- **NO** coffee cups, drink cups, or corks
- **NO** straws/straw wrappers
- **NO** paper plates or utensils
- **NO** take-out containers/wrappers
- **NO** waxed/parchment paper or tissues
- **NO** stir sticks or tooth picks
- **NO** plastic bags/wrap, metal, or glass
- **NO** liquids, grease, or cooking oil
- **NO** containers, packaging, or items labeled "compostable," "biodegradable," or "made from plants"
- **NO** pet waste, animal bedding (including straw and chicken manure), or carcasses
- **NO** ashes, dirt, rocks, sod, lumber, sawdust, raw, painted, or treated wood
- **NO** stumps or large branches

COUNTERTOP CONTAINERS



- Keep a small compost bin or bowl on the counter to collect daily food scraps, then empty directly into green bin.
- **DO NOT** place countertop container inside green bin or on the curb for collection.

Things to Remember

- It is best practice to empty countertop containers directly into the green bin. Simply wash countertop bins regularly or use paper liners (BPI-certified bags are allowable, but not preferred).
- Put fats, cooking oil, and grease (FOGS) in a sealed plastic bag or container with tightly sealed lid and place in the garbage.

Tips for Keeping a Clean Green Bin

- Set your bin out *every week* - even if it isn't full - and store in the shade with the lid closed.
- Drain liquids from food, wrap messy or smelly food in paper (or freeze) before putting it in the bin.
- Line the bottom of the bin with paper or yard debris (or alternate layers of food/yard debris).
- Clean your bin with soap and water as needed, making sure to empty dirty water onto gravel or grass, not into the street or down the storm drain!

For more information and other resources, visit www.tualatin.gov/composting
For questions about bins or service, contact Republic Services 503-981-1278

Happy Composting!

