

Compost

Keep your organics out of the waste stream



Food and Yard Waste



Food Scraps

Meat & Bones
Bread, Rice, & Pasta
Seafood & Shells
Dairy & Eggs
Fruits & Vegetables



Food-Soiled Paper

Coffee Grounds,
Filters, & Tea Bags
Delivery Pizza Boxes
Uncoated Paper Plates
Paper Towels/Napkins



Yard Waste

Grass
Leaves
Plants & Flowers
Weeds
Branches



Untreated Wood

Chopsticks
Toothpicks
Popsicle® Sticks

Compostable Products:

Many compostable bags and items are accepted. Check packaging to make sure your products comply with ASTM* D6400 or ASTM* D6868 standards.

*American Society of Testing & Materials

See reverse for product examples.



Please do not include:

- X Produce Stickers
- X Non-Compostable Bags
- X Coated Plates & Containers
- X Rubber Bands
- X Plastic
- X Glass
- X Metal



See reverse for compost tips.

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Why Compost?



Approximately 1/3 of food produced in the United States is wasted.¹

More than 40% of residential waste in Washington is comprised of organics.²



Composting keeps reusable material out of the landfill and turns it into a useful product.



Adding compost to our soil reincorporates healthy nutrients to help grow more food.



Collecting food scraps is easy! Find a container and follow our composting tips.



Composting Tips

Empty

Empty your indoor compost container daily or every other day.

Chill

Refrigerate or freeze food scraps until your collection day, especially meat and fish scraps.

Clean

Clean your indoor container with dish soap at least once a week. Dry thoroughly and sprinkle in baking soda to absorb odors.

Line

Place shredded paper, newspaper or paper towels on the bottom of your indoor container to absorb moisture. Use a paper bag or compostable bag to line it.

Layer

Layer shredded paper, food scraps, and yard waste in your outdoor compost totter.

What compostable products are accepted?

Many products found at local grocery stores are accepted. Here are a few examples:



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¹USDA Food Waste Challenge FAQs. <https://www.usda.gov/oce/foodwaste/faqs.htm>

²WA Dept of Ecology 2015-2016 Washington State Waste Characterization Study. <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1607032.pdf>