

# Food and Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

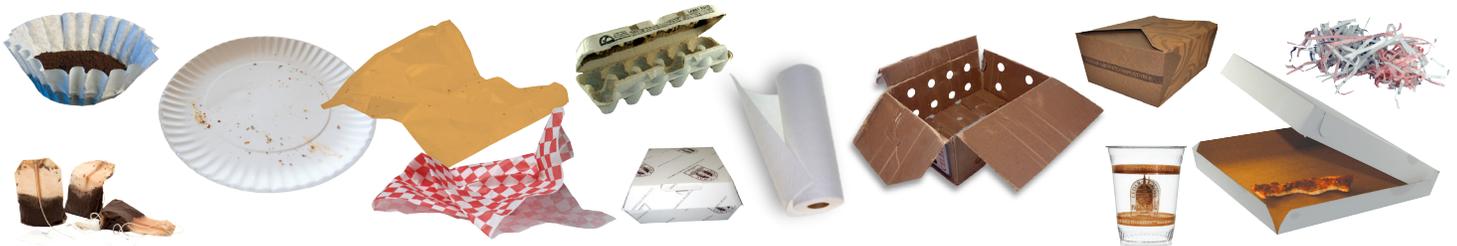
## Food

Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains and leftovers



## Food-Soiled Paper

Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, waxed cardboard, soiled paper bags, kitchen paper towels, paper napkins, uncoated take-out containers and paper plates, approved compostable containers and loose shredded paper



## Plants, Flowers and Vegetative Garden Waste

Plants and flowers, landscape vegetation, vegetative garden waste, windfall fruit, jack-o-lanterns and holiday trees



### The following items are not accepted:

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| Plastic bags  | Styrofoam         | Diapers                       |
| Plastic film or wrap                                  | Glass             | Soil, rocks                   |
| Plastic-coated food containers<br>(i.e. milk cartons) | Metal             | Stumps or branches over 4'x4' |
|   | Grease or liquids | Lumber or fencing             |
|   | Pet waste         |                               |



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# You Decide Where it Ends Up

One third of garbage sent to the landfill is food waste, yard waste and food-soiled paper! Combining food scraps and food-soiled paper with your yard waste will reduce your garbage and turn your yard trimmings and leftover food scraps and food-soiled paper into beneficial garden compost.



## Collecting food scraps in your yard waste cart is nearly as easy as throwing them away as garbage, here's how:

**1** Find the kitchen collection method that works for you:



A stylish compost pail placed on the counter.



A reusable kitchen container, such as an old pitcher lined with a paper towel.  
*(Hint: Store in refrigerator to minimize odors until ready to take out)*



A paper bag or an approved compostable bag.  
*(visit [cedar-grove.com](http://cedar-grove.com) for a list of approved bags)*



Alternatively, wrap food scraps in newspaper and store in freezer until ready to take out to your yard waste cart.

**2** At your convenience, empty collected food scraps into your yard waste cart. Your yard waste cart will get emptied on your regularly scheduled collection day. *(Hint: Bury food under yard waste to minimize pests or odors)*

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