

Kitchen Composting 1-2-3

The recipe for recycling at home.

Step 1: Select a composting kitchen container.

You will find a wide variety of above- and below-counter containers for kitchen composting at your neighborhood grocery store, drug store or online. Simple or stylish, there is an option for every kitchen, such as:

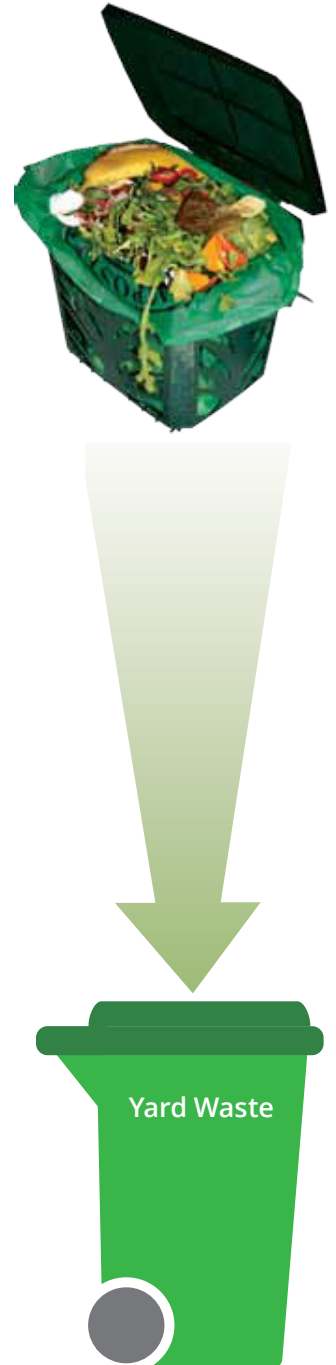
- **Economical:** Paper bag lined with newspaper. Everything goes in the yard waste cart.
- **Reusable:** Plastic or metal container with a lid. Reuse the container; place the rest in the cart.
- **Decorative:** Ceramic or stainless steel container (some come with carbon filters).
- Purchase approved biodegradable bags to line your reusable containers.

Step 2: Review the basics and get started.

- Single-family waste customers can now recycle all food scraps and food-soiled paper in the yard waste cart. Items like dairy, vegetables and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and coffee grounds are now compostable!
 - Food-soiled paper includes greasy pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins and coffee liners.
 - Plastic or wax-coated paper does NOT go in the compost container.
- When in doubt, throw it out.**
- Eliminate odors by putting food scraps in approved kitchen compostable bags or in a paper bag with newspaper.

Step 3: Take it to the yard waste cart.

- Each day, put the contents of your kitchen container in your yard waste cart.
- Keep your container clean by lining the bottom with newspapers or layer food scraps and food-soiled paper with yard waste. Compostable or paper bags will also help.
- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen container and/or yard waste cart.



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What goes where?

Paper (put in your recycling cart)



Newspaper, inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paperback books



Advertising mail, mixed paper



Cereal & dry food boxes (remove liners)



Flattened cardboard



Cartons, frozen food & juice boxes



Non-foil wrapping paper

Plastics (put in your recycling cart)



Milk, water, juice & pop bottles



Plastic bottles (all colors)



Pill bottles (non-prescription)



Clean plastic food containers & cups

Metal & Glass (put in your recycling cart)



Scrap metal (2'x2' or smaller)



Clean aluminum & metal cans (empty, clean & dry)



Clean foil & foil trays



Bottles & jars (empty & rinse; labels OK)

Food & Yard Waste (put in your yard waste cart)



Grass clippings, weeds, leaves, twigs, branches & roots from pruning



Tree branches (under 4' long; 4" in diameter)



Houseplants (no pots)



Dairy products (cheese, yogurt, etc.)



Coffee filters & grounds, tea bags & tea leaves



Bread, pasta & grains



Fruit & vegetable scraps; leftovers; pumpkins



Eggshells & nut shells



Uncoated paper plates, cups, food wrap & bags



Paper grocery bags, eggs & berry cartons



Greasy pizza boxes, paper towels & napkins

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