

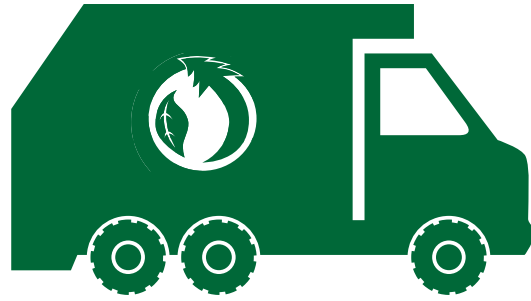
Green Bin Tips

- Line your green bin with certified compostable, paper or plastic bags. Certified compostable or paper bags are preferred.
- Place your organics in the kitchen container. Once full, tie bag and place in the green bin, to be collected weekly by your local municipality.
- Certified compostable bags are different than biodegradable bags. To ensure your bags are compostable, look for this logo:

CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS DISPLAY THIS LOGO



Green bin materials are not accepted at York Region's waste depots; please use your curbside collection program or backyard composter.



Collection

Weekly curbside collection of green bin organics is overseen by York Region's local municipalities. Please contact your local municipality for collection inquiries.



What happens to your green bin material after it is collected?

Processing of all collected materials is managed by York Region. Green bin organics are delivered to a transfer station and then loaded onto transport trailers and shipped to licensed composting facilities under contract with York Region. The final compost is then used in agriculture and horticulture operations.

For more information, please visit: york.ca/greenbin



For more information on other York Region waste programs, visit york.ca/waste or call 1-866-665-6752



What goes in your green bin?

Accepted items and handy tips



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What goes in the green bin?

Food Products

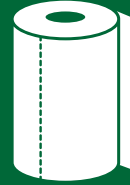
(all consumable foods, raw or cooked)

- Butter, margarine, grease, lard (solid)
- Cake, cookies and candy
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- Dairy products, eggs and shells
- Fruits and vegetables (raw or cooked)
- Herbs, spices and sauces
- Meat, fish and shellfish (including bones)
- Nuts and shells
- Pasta, bread, cereals, rice and grains



Paper Products

- Boxboard and cardboard (food-soiled)
- Facial tissue, napkins, paper towels
- Flour and sugar bags
- Kraft paper (e.g. meat wrap)
- Microwavable popcorn bags
- Muffin paper
- Newspaper (food-soiled)
- Paper cups and paper plates (food-soiled)
- Polycoat containers (e.g. paper ice cream container)
- Shredded paper (small amounts)



Personal Hygiene Products

- Diapers
- Hair
- Incontinence products
- Nail clippings
- Sanitary products
- Toothpicks



Animal Waste

- Bird seed
- Cat litter
- Feathers/fur
- Pet bedding
- Pet food
- Pet waste



Other Acceptable Items Include:

- Houseplants including soil and flowers
- Sawdust from wood (not pressure treated, melamine, composite wood or particle board)
- Wooden craft sticks (uncoated)
- Wooden stir sticks



Still don't know where it goes?

Try the Bindicator – York Region's online, easy-to-use waste directory
york.ca/bindicator



What does NOT go in the green bin?

- Artificial flowers
- Ashes
- Baby wipes
- Candles
- Cigarette butts
- Clothing, leather and textiles
- Coffee pods
- Corks
- Cotton balls, ear cleaners and makeup removal pads
- Cutlery (metal, plastic, compostable, bamboo)
- Elastic bands
- Disposable mop sheets
- Dryer lint and dryer sheets
- Foam packaging
- Fruit stickers (labels)
- Gum
- Milk bags
- Plastic bags and wrap
- Sanitizing wipes
- Tissue paper for gift bags
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Wax paper
- Wood
- Yard waste

