



# How to: Organics

## Organics Collection

To receive collection, please:



TO THE CURB  
**8:00  
am**

- Set organics cans out no later than 8:00 am on your collection day, but no earlier than 10:00 pm on the day before collection day.

### Container Size & Limit



- A maximum of six items may be placed at the curb each week, consisting of two containers with lids (which may contain kitchen waste and/or yard waste) and up to four kraft paper bags or bundles of yard waste only.
- Each rigid container must be no more than 99 litres and 23 kg (50 lbs) when set out for collection.
- Each kraft paper bag must be no more than 110 litres and 23 kg (50 lbs) when set out for collection.
- Each bundle of yard waste must be no larger in any dimension than the height of the 110 litre kraft bag, and must be no heavier than 23 kg (50 lb).



### Bagging Requirements

- Organics that consist of kitchen waste or kitchen waste mixed with yard waste must be placed in rigid, lidded containers.



The Regional District recommends, but does not require, the use of compostable bags to help keep containers clean, reduce odour, and reduce animal attraction. Compostable bags may be small (e.g. the size used to collect food scraps in the kitchen) or large (e.g. the size used to line the entire container). Compostable bags must display one of these logos:



Requiring one of the two logos above means that both paper bags and bags made entirely from plant starch are acceptable. "Biodegradable" plastic bags such as those distributed as carrier bags by many retail outlets are not acceptable, as that type of plastic does not truly compost.





# Organics

These materials are accepted in your curbside organics container:



## Food scraps

- Dairy products, including cheese and yogurt
- Egg shells
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat, bones, fish, and seafood shells
- Noodles, rice, beans, grains, and bread
- Small amounts of oil and fat (soaked in paper towel or newspaper)
- Teabags, coffee grounds, and filters

## Food-soiled paper products

- Empty cereal boxes (no plastic liners)
- Paper bags (for lining kitchen containers)
- Paper napkins
- Parchment and wax paper
- Pizza boxes
- Newspaper (for wrapping food scraps or lining kitchen containers)
- Tissue paper (no blood or fecal matter)
- Used paper dishes (no plastic coating)

These materials are accepted in your curbside organics container or kraft bag:

## Yard trimmings

- Leaves and grass clippings
- Short branches and prunings (under 10 cm thick and 50 cm long)
- Weeds, plants, and flowers (no noxious plants)

These materials are **not accepted** in your curbside organics container or kraft bag.



- Fecal matter
- Animal waste
- Diapers
- Large or heavy items
- Branches or prunings over 10 cm thick and 50 cm long
- Lumber or other wood products
- Rocks, soil, or sod
- Plastics
- Biodegradable plastic bags
- Plastic bags, wrap, or containers
- Compostable plastic packaging (containers, disposable plates, cutlery)

! If we find unacceptable materials in your Organics container, your food scraps and yard waste will not be collected. Please remove any unacceptable materials so we can pick up your Organics container next time.

These items are not accepted and should be recycled or safely disposed of.

