

Keep a container in or near your kitchen to collect kitchen scraps. Empty this container into your yard waste cart as needed. Free kitchen pails are available at Kirkland City Hall. Call (425) 587-3812 or email recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Here are some other options for collecting food scraps:

- **Compostable Bags:** Must be approved by Cedar Grove (see other side).*
- **Paper Boxes Without Liners** (pizza boxes, uncoated takeout containers, cereal or cracker boxes without liners): Just open up the lid & store food inside.*
- **Used Paper Bags:** Large paper grocery bags are great for large paper one-time needs (corn husks, turkey carcasses, cleaning out the fridge, etc.).*
- **Newspapers:** Wrap large or potentially smelly food scraps in newspaper & place in the yard waste cart or freeze until collection day.*
- **Reusable Container With a Tight-fitting Lid:**
 - o Ice bucket
 - o Large yogurt container
 - o Food storage container
 - o Metal or ceramic kitchen compost container

* When using a compostable container (paper, cardboard or compostable bags) to collect your food scraps, you can place the ENTIRE container & its contents into the yard waste cart. **It will all be composted!**

Do not put plastic of any kind in your cart. “Oxo-degradable,” “EPI” and other plastic containers or bags are not allowed. These items will cause contamination.

Ways to avoid odor, fruit flies, & mess:

- o Empty food scraps into the yard waste cart regularly
- o Rinse kitchen container into sink frequently
- o Line kitchen container with a used paper bag or towel
- o Store your container in the fridge – food stays drier & lasts longer
- o Wrap food scraps in newspaper
- o Sprinkle baking soda over food to absorb odor & liquid

For more help with odor or flies, contact Kirkland’s Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 or recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Collection Schedule

Visit Waste Management’s website at wm.northwest.com/kirkland to find a schedule of curbside waste pick-ups or call (800) 592-9995.

Where Does Yard Waste Go?

Yard and food waste is processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores. Visit www.cgcompost.com for more information.



Natural Yard Care Advice

Contact the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline for advice about how to use compost and other natural yard care products at (206) 633-0224 or info@lawnandgardenhotline.org.

Yard waste customers can put food scraps in the yard cart at no extra cost!

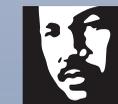


Food scraps and food - soiled paper make up more than 30% of residential garbage!

You can recycle fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy scraps, and food-soiled paper with your yard trimmings in the yard waste cart provided by Waste Management.

Not a Yard Waste Customer?

Subscribe to curbside yard waste service: Contact Kirkland Utility Billing at (425) 587-3150 or utilitybilling@ci.kirkland.wa.us.



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