

COLLECTING FOOD SCRAPS IS EASY

1 Place a container solely for food scraps and food-soiled paper in a convenient location in your kitchen.



2 Optionally, you can line your food scrap container with compostable bags, paper bags, or newspaper. Do not use plastic bags.



3 Toss all your food scraps and food-soiled paper in your container.



4 Empty your container into your gray food scraps cart.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CONTAINER CLEAN

- Empty your kitchen container into your gray cart frequently
- Use a liner for easy cleaning
- Sprinkle baking soda over food scraps or wrap them in newspaper to absorb odor and liquid
- Store your container in the fridge — food scraps stay drier and last longer
- Wash your kitchen container regularly

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WHY COMPOST?

Food that's thrown away sits in the landfill for years. But food in your gray cart becomes a rich fertilizer in just weeks. Composting food scraps returns the nutrients in them to the soil, enriching it to grow more food.

The average US family doesn't eat a quarter of the food they buy!

Put your food waste to use and complete the nutrient loop — compost uneaten food in your gray cart.



TOO GOOD TO WASTE

Waste less food at home

Learn how you can waste less food at home — find tips to shop better, store food to last longer, and use up ingredients at recyclefood.com.



FOOD SCRAPS

RESIDUOS DE ALIMENTOS

A guide to your gray compost cart

Don't put food down the disposal

Your garbage disposal is not intended to handle all your food scraps. Food sent down the drain puts an extra burden on water treatment facilities, and oils and grease from food can clog pipes. Instead, place food scraps in your gray food scrap cart, or in your regular trash cart.



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WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR FOOD SCRAP CART

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN

ALL FOOD WASTE *Alimentos*



- ✓ Produce
- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Grains
- ✓ Meat + fish
- ✓ Bones + shells
- ✓ *Frutas y verduras*
- ✓ *Productos lácteos y queso*
- ✓ *Pasta, pan, cereales y arroz*
- ✓ *Carne y pescado*
- ✓ *Huesos*

FOOD-SOILED PAPER *Papeles con manchas de comida*



uncoated
sin recubrimiento

waxed cardboard
cartón encerado

PLANTS + YARD TRIMMINGS *Desechos de jardín*



no pots
no macetas

remove rubber bands
sin bandas de goma

under 4' long, 4" in diameter
menos de 4 pies x 4 pulg.

APPROVED COMPOSTABLE BAGS *Bolsas compostables*



See cedar-grove.com for all approved compostable bags.

These items cannot be removed from compost. Do not put these in your food scrap cart.

NO PLASTIC BAGS *No bolsas de plástico*



Only approved compostable bags can be placed in your food scrap cart. See cedar-grove.com.

NO PLASTIC *No plástico*



NO GLASS *No vidrio*



NO PET WASTE / DIAPERS *No pañales / desperdicios de animales domésticos*

