

WHAT GOES IN YOUR GREEN BIN?



Acceptable items

Food and kitchen scraps

- Fruits, vegetables, nuts and shells
- Meat, fish, shellfish (including bones)
- Dairy, butter, margarine
- Baked goods, pasta, bread, cereals, rice, grains
- Juices, sauces, jams, salad dressing
- Cooking oils and grease
- Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags



Soiled paper products

- Food-soiled boxboard, cardboard or paper
- Paper plates
- Facial tissue, napkins, paper towels
- Microwave popcorn bags, muffin liners



Plant material and seeds

- House plants (dirt removed)
- Birdseed
- Pumpkins



Miscellaneous

- Hair, pet fur, nail clippings
- Certified compostable bags and cups for fats, oils and grease
- Wooden toothpicks
- Compostable packaging (e.g., plates, bowls, utensils)



Unacceptable items

Recyclables

- Blue box materials



Plastics and packaging

- Plastic bags and packaging
- Compostable coffee pods

Personal hygiene items

- Diapers and incontinence products

Animal waste and related items

- Animal waste (e.g., pet droppings)
- Kitty litter
- Dead animals



Leaf and yard waste

Miscellaneous

- Candles/wax
- Cigarette butts
- Textiles



Watch our sorting video:
www.oxfordcounty.ca/green-bin-video



Tips and tricks

Line your bins

You can use certified compostable bags or paper bags to help keep your bin clean. Bins can also be lined with newspaper. Do not use plastic bags.

Freeze scraps

Wrap meat and fish in paper and freeze until collection day to minimize odours.



Layer waste

Alternate food scraps with soiled cardboard or newspaper to absorb liquids.

Rinse often

Wash your bins with water and vinegar regularly.

Reduce smells

Add baking soda, citrus peels or coffee grounds to manage odour.



Seasonal tips

Keep your curbside bin in a shaded and/or ventilated spot in warmer months. In the winter, store it indoors until collection day, or place a cardboard egg carton on the bottom to keep your bag from freezing to the bin.