



## FOOD SCRAP AND FOOD-SOILED PAPER RECYCLING GET STARTED AT HOME

### Step #1: Request service

- If you don't have it already, sign up for curbside yard waste service. Contact your garbage hauler for details.
- If you don't have a lot of yard waste you can still recycle your food scraps and food-soiled paper? Ask for a smaller cart.

### Step #2: Find the best kitchen container for you

- It can be as simple as reusing a plastic container or using a paper bag that can be recycled along with the food scraps and food-soiled paper.
- Kitchen containers designed specifically for food scrap recycling now come in a variety of styles, including plastic, stainless steel, ceramic, and bamboo. Find them at many local grocery, drugstore and hardware stores.
- Using compostable bags to line your kitchen container can help make it clean and convenient. Learn which bag brands are approved compostable and where to buy them at [recyclefood.com](http://recyclefood.com).

### Step #3: Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper

- Make food scrap and food-soiled paper recycling a part of your pre-meal prep and your after meal clean up routine. Don't forget the old leftovers in the frig! They can be recycled too.
- Food scraps that can be recycled include meat, fish, bones, vegetable and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and beans, egg shells and coffee grounds.
- You can also put in food-soiled paper such as used paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, even pizza delivery boxes.
- Layer shredded paper in your yard waste cart to absorb liquids.

### Step #4: Add them to your yard waste cart.

- Dump the contents of your kitchen container into your yard waste cart frequently.
- Remember what you put in is as important as what you leave out. Do not put plastic bags, plastic-coated (shiny) paper plates, cups and take-out containers, treated wood, diapers, cat litter or pet waste in the yard waste cart.
- To keep your yard waste cart clean, line the bottom with newspaper and layer in food scraps and food-soiled paper scraps with yard waste.
- Does your cart smell? Contact your garbage hauler for cart cleaning or replacement.

### Concerned about odors or fruit flies?

- Collect food scraps in an approved compostable bag and empty them in the yard waste cart often.
- Store food scraps and food-soiled paper in your freezer and take them out the night before collection day.
- Use a container with a tight-fitting lid and/or a carbon filter.
- Sprinkle baking soda in the bottom of your kitchen container and your yard cart too!

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