

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"

-Gandhi

Food Scrap Composting

Accepted in Seasonal Yard Waste

Our food scraps mission is to increase the diversion of organic materials from landfill disposal for beneficial uses such as compost. Food scraps will be collected weekly with yard waste.

Why Recycle Food Scraps?

- **It's easy** - Collect food scraps, empty scraps into yard waste container provided by Prairieland and set out container as usual for collection.
- **Reduces garbage** - By collecting everything that can be recycled in curbside containers and adding food scrap to a separate container, our goal is to reduce trash going into landfills.
- **Landfill reduction** - Preserves precious landfill space.

What Happens to my Organics?

Yard waste, manure and other organic materials, such as food waste, are collected curbside and taken to a state licensed compost facility where they are processed into compost and mulches.

Composting organics reduces the amount of material which is landfilled and helps reduce greenhouse gas production.

Compost and mulches are used to rebuild soils, protect topsoil from erosion due to wind and rain, suppress weeds, conserve water and attract earthworms.

1) How to Collect Food Scraps:

Collect food scraps in your kitchen collector. Waste containers are available for purchase, call Prairieland for info.

**Never use plastic bags.
No biodegradable bags, paper only.**



2) Empty Daily

Empty your kitchen collector food scraps into your yard waste container, lined with a kraft or yard waste bag.



3) Set Out

Set your yard waste / food scrap container at the curb on your regular collection day. The small kitchen collector will **NOT** be accepted at the curb.



What Can Be Composted:



Pet waste,
(including kitty litter)



Fruits & Vegetables



Leftovers/kitchen scraps
(including coffee grounds
& filters)



Breads, grains,
pasta, cereal



Meats, poultry, seafood
(including shells
and bones)



Dairy and eggs
(including shells)



Plants & greens
(including pumpkins)

DO NOT INCLUDE: plastic, glass, metal, liquids, grease, oil or cardboard. It is okay to line the kitchen bucket with newspapers or paper bags and to put paper towels in the bucket.

TIPS to Reduce Odors & Pests

- Line container with compostable bags, newspapers or paper bags
- Empty frequently
- Rinse after each use with soap or a vinegar and dish soap solution
- Sprinkle baking soda in bottom of container
- Keep 35-gallon toter lid completely closed
- Regularly rinse out container and toter
- Freeze food waste for convenience
- 1-1/2 gal. under-sink food waste containers are available for purchase. Call our sales office: 847-381-9300

For more information, contact:

Prairie Land
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847-381-9300 or visit www.prairielanddisposal.com

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