

Tips for your kitchen pail

- Line kitchen pail with a BPI-certified compostable liner bag, newspaper, paper bag or paper towels to keep the kitchen pail clean
- Empty food scraps into the food and yard debris roll cart often
- Wrap food items, like meat and fish, in newspaper and store in the freezer until collection day
- Wash kitchen pail in the dishwasher or by hand



Tips for your food and yard debris roll cart

- Keep food and yard debris roll cart lid closed
- Set it out for collection each week, even when it's not full
- Store the roll cart in the shade during warm weather
- Line bottom of roll cart with newspaper, a paper bag or a pizza delivery box to help absorb moisture
- Layer food scraps in between yard debris to reduce odors and contain wetter foods
- Sprinkle baking soda in the roll cart to reduce odors and deter insects
- Use soap and water to clean the roll cart after it is emptied



Don't let your food scraps go to waste



Your food scraps make a difference!

Nearly 26 percent of the garbage coming from Forest Grove is organic material that can be composted.

Composting food scraps creates a nutrient-rich soil amendment and prevents carbon emissions that occur when food breaks down in the landfill.

Look inside for four simple steps to help you succeed in collecting food scraps.

Learn more

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For questions about billing or changing service levels, call Waste Management of Oregon at 800-808-5901.

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**INCLUDE THE FOOD
with yard debris**



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Four simple steps to collect food scraps



1 Place kitchen pail in a convenient place, like under the sink or on the counter. Consider using an approved liner to help keep your pail clean.*



2 Include all food scraps in the kitchen pail.



3 Empty kitchen pail into food and yard debris roll cart.



4 Place roll cart out for weekly pick up.

* Approved liners include newspaper, paper bags, paper towels and Biodegradable Product Institute-certified compostable bags. These liners can be included in the food and yard debris roll cart. BPI-certified compostable bags are available from brands such as BioBag, Eco-Products and EcoSafe.

What CAN be included

All food:

- Beans
- Bones
- Bread
- Coffee grounds
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Fruits
- Meat
- Pasta
- Plate scraps
- Poultry
- Rice and other grains
- Seafood
- Vegetables



Food-soiled paper:

- Coffee filters
- Paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Pizza delivery boxes
- Teabags



Yard debris:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Plants
- Pruned branches
- Weeds



What CANNOT be included

Visit www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.com for more on disposing these items

- Cat litter
- Coffee cups
- “Compostable” or “biodegradable” bags that are not BPI-certified
- “Compostable” or “biodegradable” takeout containers and utensils
- Corks
- Diapers
- Facial tissue
- Fast-food wrappers
- Glass



- Large amounts of grease or oil
- Liquids
- Metal
- Packaging
- Paper plates, cups and cartons
- Plastic bags
- Pet waste
- Styrofoam
- Takeout containers
- Wax paper

