

FOOD WASTE

Bagging Options for Food Waste Collection

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Plastic Bag Liners

Regular plastic bags can only be used to collect food waste in interior collection bins if the food waste is going to be emptied from the bag into the exterior collection cart. The bag is then put in the garbage. Lining your exterior collection cart will help keep it clean and reduce odors. When using a regular plastic bag to line the outdoor cart, the bag must be secured to the cart to prevent it from falling into the truck when emptied. See Food Waste Bag System for instructions.

Lining Interior Collection Bins

One of the decisions that participating businesses need to make is whether or not to use liners in their interior food waste collection bins.

Cart Liner Options:

- 1) Use no liner for interior bins and rinse bins after they are emptied.

Advantages: Avoided cost of purchasing liners.

Disadvantages: More frequent bin washing, potential for increased labor cost.

Coping Strategies: Designated bin washing station and procedure.

- 2) Use regular plastic liner for interior bins, then empty the contents into the exterior bin for collection and dispose of the plastic liner in the trash.

Advantages: Easier for cleaning staff to service.

Disadvantages: Potential for contaminating food waste.

Coping Strategies: Color-code and labeled interior bins. Secure liner with rubber bands so it won't slip out when emptied.

Lining Your Exterior Collection Cart

It is highly recommended that you line your exterior collection cart to keep it clean. You can use a 64g plastic bag that is secured to the cart to prevent it from entering the truck when the cart is emptied. If you choose to go bagless, you will need to wash the carts on a regular basis to keep them from having strong odors and attracting pests. See the Food Waste Bagging System for further instruction if you want to use a regular plastic bag for your cart.



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