

# Organics

## Yard Debris & Food Scraps

Food scraps and yard debris account for about 28% of the annual garbage produced by U.S. households.

By separating your organics from the garbage, you are reducing landfilled waste and helping to create nutrient-rich compost.

Follow this guide to find out how you can turn food scraps and yard debris into compost!



Organics is an every-other-week subscription service available to City of Ridgefield residents. To help remember when to set out your organics cart, get the FREE RecycleRight app!

### Helpful features of the RecycleRight app:

- ✓ View, download & print your schedule or sign up for service reminders.
- ✓ Look up what's accepted in organics and recycling, and learn which cart to place items in.

To learn more, visit:

[wcnorthwest.com/organics](http://wcnorthwest.com/organics)



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## Tips for collecting food scraps from your home:

- Use a **lidded container** to collect food scraps from your kitchen.
- **Keep food scraps indoors** in a cool place. If you have room, try freezing or refrigerating food scraps until disposal.
- **Wait** until the night before or the morning of your service day to place food scraps in your cart.
- **Clean** your food scraps container regularly.
- Use an approved compostable bag to line container, but **only as needed**.



## Tips for your organics cart:

- Keep your cart in a **cool place** and set out your cart the night before or the morning of your service day by 7:00 a.m.
- Set out your organics cart on your **every-other-week service day** – even if it isn't full.
- Make sure that the lid of the cart is kept closed. **Do not overfill** your cart.
- **Layer** yard debris and food scraps.
- **Clean** your organics cart regularly.

Visit our website for even more tips!

# Organics Service Guide



## YARD DEBRIS

weeds, leaves, vines, grass, small branches, houseplants, plant clippings, flowers



## FOOD SCRAPS

cooked or raw meat, seafood, bones, cheese, eggshells, vegetables, baked goods, grains, fruits, coffee grounds



**NO:** Dirt, sod, rocks, pet waste, lumber, treated wood, sawdust, barkdust, branches larger than 4" thick & 60" long

**NO:** Grease, "compostable" or "biodegradable" serviceware, paper towels or plates, plastic bags, glass, foam, pet waste

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## Extra Yard Debris

For an additional charge, extra yard debris may be placed at the curb in kraft paper bags, 32-gallon (or smaller) cans, or bundles tied with twine or string. Loose piles of yard debris are not accepted at the curb.

**Please note:** Food scraps **MUST** be placed in your organics cart.



## Cart Choices

Carts are available in 20, 32, 64, and 96-gallon sizes. Choose the right cart for your household's needs.

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