

Organics

Yard Debris & Food

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 Vancouver 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




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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 6:30 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.

The maximum weights for the carts are as follows: 65 lbs for 20- and 32-gallon carts, 130 lbs for 64-gallon carts, and 200 pounds for 96-gallon carts.