## 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 everyother-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

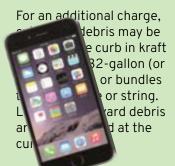


NO: Dirt, sod, rocks, pet waste, lumber, treated wood, sawdust, barkdust, branches larger than 4" thick & 60" long

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

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#### Extra Yard Debris



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.