

Yard and Food Scrap Recycling

YES!

Yard Waste

- ☒ Grass and leaves
- ☒ Weeds
- ☒ Prunings
- ☒ Houseplants
- ☒ Branches
(under 4' long, 4" diam.)

Food Scraps

- ☒ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ☒ Bread, pasta and grains
- ☒ Eggshells, nutshells
- ☒ Coffee grounds and filters
- ☒ Vegetable and fruit leftovers
- ☒ Tea leaves and bags

Food-Soiled Paper

- ☒ Greasy pizza delivery boxes
- ☒ Coffee filters with coffee grounds
- ☒ Paper towels and napkins
- ☒ Uncoated paper plates and cups
- ☒ Uncoated paper food wrap
- ☒ Uncoated paper food bags
- ☒ Paper grocery bags containing food scraps
- ☒ Paper egg cartons
- ☒ Paper berry cartons

Uncoated food soiled paper does not have a shiny surface.

When in doubt throw it out.

Contamination increases the cost of recycling.

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NO!

- ☒ **Absolutely no plastic**
 - No plastic-coated cartons (milk, ice cream, etc)
 - No plastic-coated paper or cups
 - No plastic bags
 - No plastic food wrap
 - No plastic food containers
 - No Styrofoam food containers
 - No plastic-coated food take-out containers
- ☒ Grease or liquids
- ☒ Pet litter or waste
- ☒ Diapers
- ☒ Soil, rocks
- ☒ Stumps
- ☒ Branches over 4'x 4"
- ☒ Lumber or fencing
- ☒ Metal, glass
- ☒ Hazardous waste

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Tips for Collecting Kitchen Scraps

For convenience, keep a container in or near your kitchen to collect kitchen scraps. Empty this container into your yard cart as needed.

Possible containers:

- green compostable kitchen bags are widely available. Visit www.recyclefood.com for retail locations in your community
- used paper bags (Fill and put in cart.)
- reusable plastic or metal container with a tight fitting lid. Do not put plastic of any kind in your cart.

Food scraps must be placed in the curbside yard waste cart.

Collection Schedule

Check with your garbage service provider for a schedule of curbside yard waste pickups. Visit King County's web site at www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd for information about your garbage service provider.

If You Have Extra Yard Waste

Put extra yard waste (**no food scraps**) that doesn't fit in the cart in any of these:

- Reusable polywoven bags
- Paper yard waste bags
- Bundles (Limit 4'x 2'). Tie with fiber twine. **No wire, nylon or plastic cord.**
- Cans with handles and lids (32 gal, 65 lb limit).
 - Label cans "yard waste."
 - Fill loosely.

No plastic bags.



Food Scrap Recycling

Yard waste customers can put food scraps in the yard cart at no extra cost!

Food scraps and food-soiled paper make up more than 30% of residential garbage!

You can recycle fruit, vegetables and food-soiled paper with your yard trimmings in the yard waste cart provided by your garbage service provider.



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Where Does Yard Waste Go?

Yard and food waste is processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores. Visit www.cedar-grove.com for more information.



Natural Yard Care Advice

Contact The Garden Hotline for advice about how to use compost and other natural yard care products at 206-633-0224 or info@lawnandgardenhotline.org.



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Not a Yard Waste Customer?

Subscribe to curbside yard waste service:
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