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## Measuring Success (not judging)

To help you become a Green Superhero, **Gold Star** or **OOPS!** stickers may be placed on your Green Bin to let you know how you're doing. We'll be tracking participation as well as how successful residents are in using proper Bin set-out and only placing acceptable materials in the Green Bin. A big "thumbs up" if you receive a Gold Star - it means you're a Green Superhero! *No registration for this program is required.*



**OOPS!** - We noticed something wrong  
**Gold Star** - You're a Green Superhero



## GREEN BIN REPAIR/REQUEST PROGRAM

For broken Green Bins, wheels, lids, axles or locks, contact:

- City of Windsor: **Call 311**
- County of Essex: **Call 1-800-563-3377**, or
- **www.ewswa.org**

*\*exceptions apply*

**Important:** The Green Bin is the property of the EWSWA and is to be used only for the Green Bin program. **DO NOT USE** for other collection programs such as garbage, yard waste, etc.

Your Green Bin is registered to your address. **If you move, the Green Bin must remain at this address as warranty and repair issues are tracked.**



- EWSWAorg
- ewswarecycles
- @ewswa

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ESSEX-WINDSOR SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

# "GREEN BIN IT"

## A HOW-TO GUIDE FOR YOUR FOOD WASTE

By putting food waste in the Green Bin, you can reduce your garbage by up to 50%! Your efforts will help create renewable energy and fertilizer for next year's crops, and reduce greenhouse gases that come from landfilling organic materials (food waste).

This "How-To" guide will help you get on your way to becoming a Green Superhero!

*Members of The Green Team*

For your collection schedule: download the Recycle Coach app, check your municipal calendar, or visit [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)



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# GREEN BIN YOUR FOOD WASTE!

## It's as easy as 1-2-3



## Tips To Get You Started

Use the Green Bin a week before collection begins!

### Set-Up Matters

- Set Kitchen Catcher in a handy spot or repurpose your kitchen garbage
- Consider using a compostable liner to be tidy
- Position Green Bin somewhere convenient for use

### For Easy Daily Use

- Before cooking, set your Kitchen Catcher on the counter
- For fats/oils/grease (FOG), cool in a paper cup to solidify, or freeze until collection
- Empty your Kitchen Catcher regularly
- Clean bins often—your Kitchen Catcher is dishwasher safe
- Keep all lids closed when not in use

**Pro Tip: Set out for weekly collection even if bin isn't full.**



Compostable bags are not all equal. Look for reputable brands and check for expiry dates.

**Tip:** Store them in a cool, dry place.

Stay green all year!  
Visit [www.ewswa.org](http://www.ewswa.org)  
for seasonal tips.



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## What's In Your Green Bin Kit?

- 120L Green Bin - made in Canada (Be sure to write your address in the space provided)
- 7L Kitchen Catcher
- A sample compostable bag
- This How-To Guide and more

**Missing something?** Contact the EWSWA at 1-800-563-3377

## Special Green Bin "Gravity Lock"

Click lid to lock it. Turn key to open it.

- This **Gravity Lock** opens lid automatically when tipped by the collection truck
- When closing the lid, listen for the "click" to confirm that it's properly shut and locked
- To open, turn key to the right



**Do not try to remove or cut off the attached key - it's part of the lock design!**

# GREEN BIN GUIDE

## It's as easy as 1-2-3:

**1**

- Line your Kitchen Catcher (optional)
- Fill with food waste and organics

**2**

- When ready, empty the kitchen catcher into the Green Bin

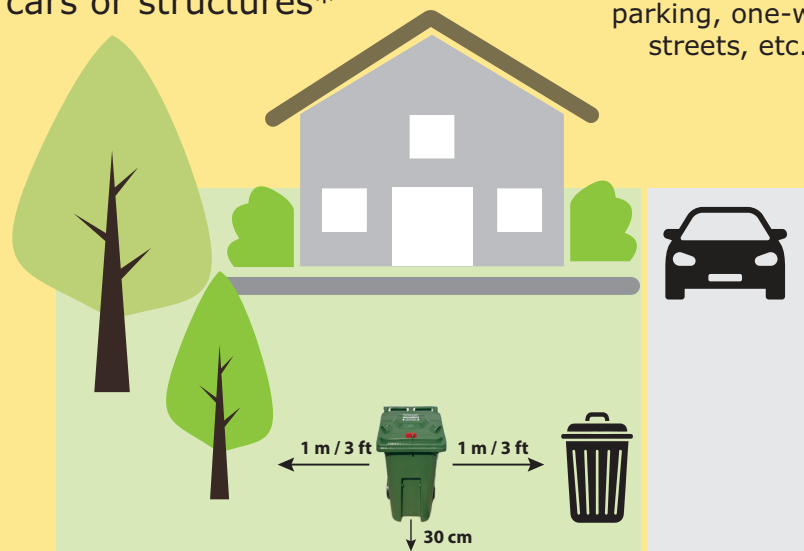
**3**

- Set Green Bin out for weekly collection using Park-Point-Space
- Only the EWSWA Green Bin will receive collection

## Park-Point-Space Method

- PARK** the Green Bin about 30cm (1ft) from the curb
- POINT** the arrows on the Green Bin lid to the street, and wheels nearest to house
- SPACE** the Green Bin at least 1 metre apart from other carts, cars or structures\*

\*Set-out Exceptions may include, but not limited to: roads with street parking, homes with no driveway/space, roads with alternating street parking, one-way streets, etc.



## Tips to Remember

- Your collection day:** Check your municipal collection calendar for your weekly collection dates, and download Recycle Coach for updates.
- Set-out time:** Put the Green Bin out by 6 AM to not miss the truck.
- Green Bin Repair:** For broken wheel, lock, etc., contact the Green Bin Program Support below to schedule a repair.
- Listen for the Click:** Make sure your lid is locked when not in use.
- Weekly set-out:** Food decomposes quickly so weekly set-out is key, even if the Green Bin is not full.



## GREEN BIN SET-OUT MATTERS!

### Recycle Coach App

For more information and real time updates:



Download the **free** Recycle Coach App for Green Bin delivery updates, collection schedules, and other info.



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*The Green Bin Program is a residential program only.*

# Yes! Acceptable Materials



These items are acceptable in the Green Bin.

## FOOD WASTE

COOKED / RAW / BONES / SHELLS / PEELS / PITS  
RINDS / LEFTOVERS / FOOD LEFT ON PLATE /  
FREEZER BURN



**Certified**  
Compostable  
Bags



Fruits /  
Vegetables



Meat / Poultry  
Seafood / Bones



Dairy Products  
Yogurt / Butter  
Cheese



Bread / Cereal /  
Pasta Noodles  
Rice



Eggs /  
Eggshells



Baked Goods /  
Candy



Dry Baking Ingredients  
Herbs / Spices



Nuts / Seeds  
Lentils / Beans



Coffee Filters  
Grounds / Paper  
Tea Bags



**Hardened**  
Fats / Oils /  
Grease (FOG)

## OTHER ORGANICS



### FOOD-SOILED:

Paper Towels / Paper Egg Cartons  
Paper Plates & Napkins / Waxed Paper  
Parchment Paper / Paper Take-Out Containers



Pet Food



Hair / Pet  
Hair & Fur



House Plants  
(no dirt/pots)

### FATS/OILS/GREASE (FOG) Follow these tips:



**Tiny amounts** (less than 500 ml): Wipe up FOG with a paper towel (e.g., light grease from a pan).

**Small amounts** (500 to 1000 ml): **Pour FOG into a paper cup and refrigerate or freeze to harden (solidify).** Green Bin the cup with set-out.

Small amounts of FOG in the Green Bin are great for creating renewable energy. Never pour FOG down a drain/toilet!

**Large amounts** (greater than 1000ml): Drop off for FREE at an EWSWA Depot for recycling (e.g., deep fryer grease).

**You MUST use the EWSWA Green Bin to receive collection!**



### Using A Liner / Bag:

Using a liner in the Kitchen Catcher or Green Bin will keep it tidy. There are two types of liners that are acceptable in the Green Bin:

- 1. Certified Compostable Bag:** Look for these symbols (right) when choosing compostable bags.
- 2. Paper Liner:** Such as newsprint or paper bags.



Only available at Canadian Tire.



COMPOSTABLE  
[www.compostable.info](http://www.compostable.info)



FOR COLLECTION IN MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS, WHERE APPROVED.  
POUR LA COLLECTE DANS LES PROGRAMMES MUNICIPAUX, OÙ APPROUVÉS, OERT #0000000

# NO!

These items are NOT acceptable in the Green Bin.



Yard Waste



Kitty Litter / Pet Waste



Cans / Glass / Styrofoam™  
Plastic Containers



Dead Animal Carcasses  
(hunted, roadkill, etc.)



No Plastic Bags



Chemical-Soiled Paper Towels  
(bleach or cleaners)