"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!

For your collection schedule: download the Recycle Coach app, check your municipal calendar, or visit www.ewswa.org



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GREEN BIN YOUR FOOD WASTE!

It's as easy as 1-2-3





- Line your Kitchen Catcher (optional)
- Fill with food waste and organics Kitchen Catcher is for inside use only; not for curbside collection





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Set the Green Bin out for weekly collection using the Park-Point-Space method (see reverse)

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 for seasonal tips.





What's In Your Green Bin Kit?

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

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

A GREEN BIN CAN BE USED FOR YOUR FOOD WASTE.

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.

Stay up-to-date by downloading the Recycle Coach app





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!

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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 Gold Star = You're a something wrong 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.



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Green Bin Customer Service Support:

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Green Bin Program

Acceptable Materials

YES - the materials below can go in your Green Bin.

FOOD WASTE

COOKED / RAW / BONES / SHELLS / PEELS / RINDS









Meat / Poultry / Seafood / Bones



Dairy Products / Yogurt / Butter / Cheese



Bread / Cereal / Pasta / Noodles / Rice



Baked Goods / Candy



Eggs / Eggshells



Dry Baking Ingredients / Herbs / Spices



Nuts / Seeds / **Lentils / Beans**



Coffee Filters / Grounds / **Paper Tea Bags**



Fats / Oils / Grease (FOG)

OTHER ORGANICS

FOOD-SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS



Soiled Food Paper Packaging / Pizza Boxes / Paper Egg Cartons / Paper Trays / **Wooden Utensils / Toothpicks**



Dryer Lint



House Plants (no pots)



Pet Food



Hair / Pet Hair & Fur

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) should never be poured down the sink/ drain. Instead put these materials into a paper cup and let solidify or freeze prior to placing in the Green Bin.



LINERS (COMPOSTABLE ONLY)



Example of compostable liners. Look for high-quality, reputable brands.

You can use compostable liners with these certification logos to line your Kitchen Catcher and/or Green Bin:







NOT acceptable in the Green Bin.



Yard Waste



Kitty Litter / Pet Waste

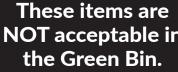


Cans / Glass / Styrofoam™ **Plastic Containers**





Chemical-Soiled Paper Towels (bleach or cleaners)





Stickers (off fruit/veg)



Cigarettes



Plastic Utensils







Diapers /Sanitary Products / Wipes

For a detailed list of acceptable and unacceptable materials, visit www.ewswa.org



Park-Point-Space

- PARK the Green Bin about 30cm (1ft) behind the curb
- **POINT** the arrows on the Green Bin to the street
- **SPACE** the Green Bin at least 1 metre apart from other carts, cars, structures, etc.
- Set-out exceptions may include but are not limited to: roads with street parking, homes with no driveway/space, roads with alternating street parking, one-way streets, etc. For more information, visit www.ewswa.org.