

"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

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GREEN BIN YOUR FOOD WASTE!

It's as easy as 1-2-3



1

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

Kitchen Catcher is for inside use only; not for curbside collection



2

- When ready, empty contents from Kitchen Catcher into Green Bin. If using a liner, tie liner before dumping into the Green Bin.



3

- 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)
- ✓ 10L Kitchen Catcher
- ✓ A sample compostable bag
- ✓ This How-To Guide, and more.



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

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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OOPS!

AN ISSUE WAS FOUND WITH YOUR GREEN BIN TODAY DUE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Disposal materials prohibited
- Disposable household products
- Flammable liquids
- Corrosive acids or alkalis
- Gasoline or petroleum gas - tanks, bags, bottles
- Appliances
- Tires
- Stumps
- Appliances over 10 lbs.

Bin was found with NOC= must wear automated collection regulations:

- No hazardous waste, flammable, volatile, toxic, corrosive, or radioactive (HCS labels, etc.)
- No propane tanks
- No tires
- No stumps
- No appliances over 10 lbs.




Inproper container used:

- Only the EDSWA Green Bin can be used to collect household waste.



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City of Windsor residents: Call 311
County of Essex residents: Call 1-800-563-3377
Or visit www.ewswa.org

Green Bin Program



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

FOOD WASTE

COOKED / RAW / BONES / SHELLS / PEELS / RINDS



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



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:



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



These items are 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

Green Bin Set-Out Matters!

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.