



Materials we'll accept for composting

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Food & Food Prep Scraps

- ▶ Fruit and vegetable (trimmings, rotten ones)
- ▶ Coffee and tea (including bags and filters if they're paper)
- ▶ Meats and dairy (our commercial processing system can handle safely)
- ▶ Bread and pasta
- ▶ Prepared foods that weren't eaten (pizza crusts, casserole)
- ▶ Eggshells
- ▶ Really any food at all, seriously

Soiled Paper

- ▶ Paper towels from the kitchen area
- ▶ Paper cups, plates and napkins
- ▶ Pizza boxes, waxed paper
- ▶ We can take a limited amount of waxed cardboard – call first

Corn-based Cups, Utensils & Bags

- ▶ Paper is best for renewability and energy use, but you may want the luxury of eating with utensils and then throwing them away after a party. While there is no “away”, we will compost the corn-based items.
- ▶ Using bags keeps things tidy, and we like that, too. You must use bags that are compostable and made from renewable sources – like corn.

Plant Cleanup

- ▶ Dead plants, bouquets
- ▶ Leaves, weeds

What We Won't Take

- ▶ Plastics of any kind (containers, wraps, bags, takeout coffee lids)
- ▶ Metals, including forks and foil
- ▶ Rubber bands, latex gloves
- ▶ Woody yard materials (we don't have a chipper – yet)
- ▶ Recyclables: remake stuff into stuff before we try to compost it!
 - Anything you can recycle, please do that first

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