



Organics only!

Composting is the most natural way to recycle!

- No plastics, including "compostable" and "biodegradable" plastic bags.
- Collect organics from all rooms in your home e.g. hair and facial tissues from the bathroom.
- Use the seasonal collection program for yard waste - not your green bin.
- Keep using your backyard composter. Use the green bin for things that the composter can't take.



Liner bags

- ✓ Paper liner bags are not required. Keep your bins clean by:
 - Layering shredded paper or facial tissues with food waste.
 - Using newspaper: wrap organics in newspaper, or use it to line the bottom of your green bin and kitchen container.
- ✓ Empty your kitchen container into your green bin often.
- ✓ Store your green bin in a shaded, ventilated area.
- ✓ Wash your kitchen container and green bin frequently.

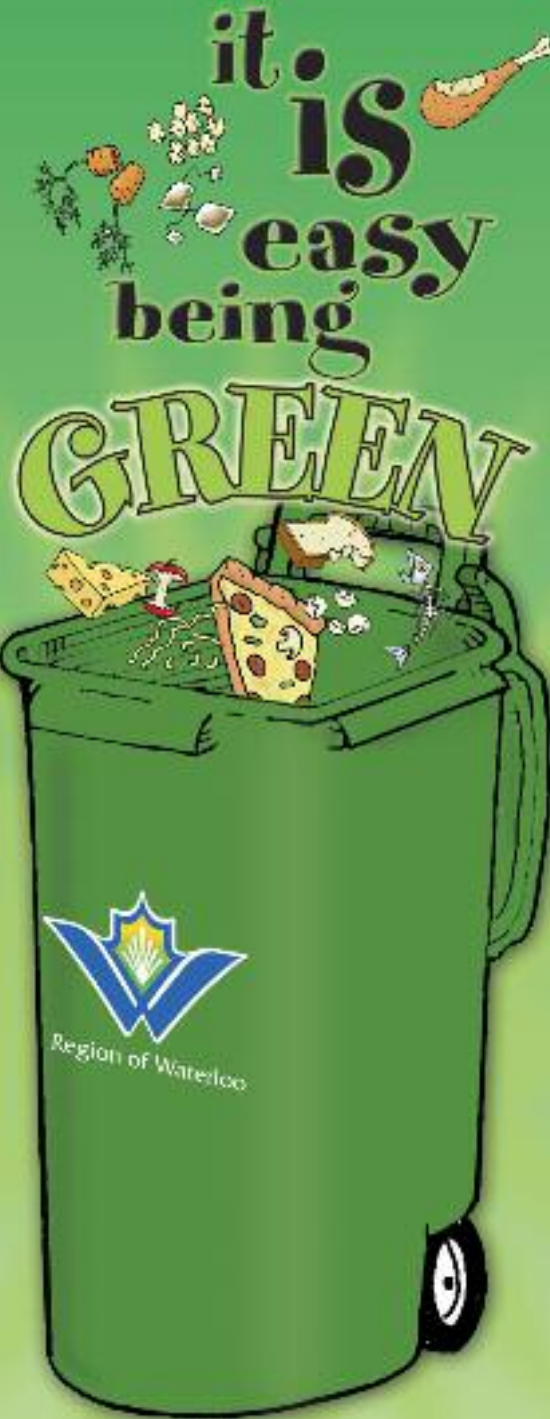
NOTE: Your kitchen container is dishwasher safe!



If you want to continue to use paper liner bags, they are available at local stores.

Collection tips!

- 1) Set your green bin to the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day every week. Do not set your kitchen container out.
- 2) Don't expose the collector to pet waste or dusty material (like cold ashes). Wrap this material up or layer in between other organics.
- 3) Place any garbage you have beside your green bin. The truck collects both materials in separate compartments.



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Check out our website for more information and helpful hints on the Green Bin program – www.region.waterloo.on.ca/waste. Questions? Please contact the Waste Management office at 519-883-5100.

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THE GREEN BIN ORGANICS PROGRAM

A Step-by-step guide for using your GREEN BIN



1

Place kitchen container in a handy spot, such as on or below the kitchen counter.

2



Place **acceptable materials** in kitchen container. **No plastics of any kind.**

3



Empty kitchen container into green bin regularly.

4



Place green bin on the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular collection day along with your blue box and garbage.

Why?

Your organics are valuable resources, not garbage! By green binning you are helping to produce valuable compost and save space in our one and only landfill.



Acceptable material

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| Baked goods - e.g. bread, cookies, dough | Meat, meat products, bones |
| Butcher paper | Nail clippings |
| Butter and margarine | Nuts and shells |
| Candy | Paper bags |
| Cereal | Paper coffee cups |
| Dairy products - e.g. cheese, sour cream | Paper napkins |
| Coffee filters, grounds | Paper plates |
| Corn cobs, husks | Pasta |
| Eggs, eggshells | Peanut butter |
| Facial tissues | Pet waste (wrap in paper) |
| Feathers | Pizza |
| Fish, fish parts | Popcorn |
| Flour and sugar bags | Popcorn bags (microwave) |
| Fruit | Salad and dressings |
| Fur | Sawdust |
| Grains and rice | Shellfish |
| Gravy and sauces | Shredded paper |
| Grease, lards, fats | Snack foods |
| Hair | Sugar and syrups |
| Herbs and spices | Tea bags |
| Houseplant waste | Vegetables |
| Jams and jellies | Wood ashes (cold) |
| Mayonnaise | Wood chips |

Not acceptable

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| Batteries, paint, and other hazardous waste | Sanitary products |
| Chewing gum | Styrofoam |
| Cigarette butts and ashes | Textiles |
| Corks | Waxed paper |
| Cutlery (metal, plastic) | Wood – treated wood, lumber, firewood |
| Diapers | Yard waste |
| Plastic of any kind | |
| - plastic wrap, biodegradable and compostable plastic bags, etc. | |