

Green bin liners



Liner bags are required for green bin collection. Lining your green bin protects collection staff, helps the material empty out on collection day and keeps your bin cleaner. Here are the steps for choosing and using the correct types of liners.

Step 1: Decide which container you are going to line: your kitchen container or green bin.

Step 2: Decide on the type of liner bag. There are two choices:

(a) Paper. All paper bags are acceptable and do not require any special certification or logo.

- Use paper bags from grocery shopping or take-out food.
- Buy paper bags specific for food waste at local grocery and hardware stores. Please note that some bags have a shiny inner coating. This is a plant-based material which helps improve the durability of the bag and is accepted in our Green Bin program.
- See the instructions on the other side to make your own kitchen container liner out of newspaper.

(b) Certified compostable liner bags. Only buy packages of bags that have either or both of these logos.



Beware! If the package does not have one of these logos, the bags are not accepted in our Green Bin program. Generally, if the packaging refers to "degradable" or "oxo-degradable", the bags do not meet composting standards.

Step 3: Fill it with food scraps and other household organics. See our website for details.

Step 4: Close all bags securely.

Step 5: When you set your green bin out to the curb, loosen bag(s) from the side of the bin.

Notes:

- Certified compostable liner bags are the only type of plastic allowed in our Green Bin program.
- Green bins containing unacceptable bags will not be collected.
- For pet owners: Look for the logos above when buying pet waste bags, too!
- Certified compostable bags are not accepted in our Yard Waste program.
- Place bags in the green bin with the logo facing up.

Tips!



Put a paper drink tray or paper egg carton at the very bottom of your green bin so bags do not stick to the bottom of the bin.



Use other paper bags.



If your green bin is full and you have one extra bag, you can place it on top of your green bin for collection.

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Organic origami

Use newspaper to make a liner for your kitchen organics container.

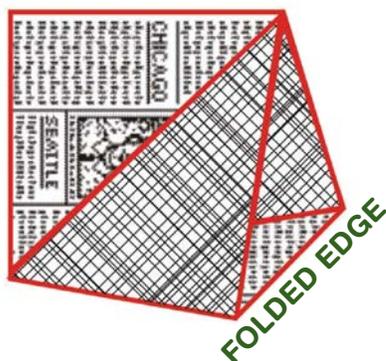
Step 1: Fold a stack of newspaper (two to four sheets) into a triangle.



Step 2: With the fold on the right-hand side, move the top corner to the middle of the bottom edge and press to fold.



Step 3: Move the right-hand corner over top so that the point meets the left-hand edge of the top fold. Press to fold.



Step 4: With the bottom left-hand and side edges, fold down half of the newspaper layers on one side toward the fold made in Step. Then flip it over and fold the remaining layers down on the other side. Open the bag and slide into your kitchen container.



Kitchen container options

Use what works best for you! Reuse a container from something else you've purchased with a tight fitting lid or you may want to use something more decorative. Here are some common examples:



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