

Frequently Asked Questions

What can I use as a kitchen container?

You can use any container to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in your kitchen:

- Re-use an ice cream or large yogurt container with a lid.
- Buy a kitchen container from a local retailer.
- Use paper bags or purchase paper-based food scraps bags available at your local retailer.

What can I use to line my kitchen container?

Liners are not required but help keep your kitchen container clean and reduce odours. You can use any type of paper products, such as newspaper, cereal boxes or purchase paper bags from your local retailer. **Plastic bags, even those labelled biodegradable or compostable, are not accepted.**



Why can't I use plastic bags, even those labeled biodegradable or compostable?

The local compost facility does not accept plastic bags of any kind because they compromise the quality of the finished compost.

Is the Food Scraps Program required?

Yes. Food scraps are currently banned from the garbage in Burnaby, and will be banned from all disposal facilities in Metro Vancouver in 2015. Diverting food scraps is just one way that supports the regions goal of 70% waste diversion.

How often will the City collect my complex's Green Bin?

Green Bins are collected weekly from your complex.



Green Bin Tips:

- 'Wrap Your Scraps' using newspaper, boxboard or paper bags before placing in Green Bin.
- Freeze food scraps before placing them in your complex's Green Bin.
- Keep lid closed and store kitchen container in a cool place.
- Empty kitchen container on a regular basis.
- For more Green Bin Tips, visit: burnaby.ca/foodscraps

Talk To Us

If you have questions, or need more information, please:

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GREEN BIN

MULTI-FAMILY PROGRAM

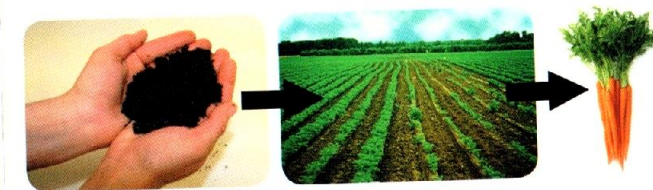


Your food isn't garbage.

About 50% of a typical residential household's garbage is food scraps and food-soiled paper products. Help reduce waste by placing your food scraps and food-soiled paper into your complex's Green Bin for collection.

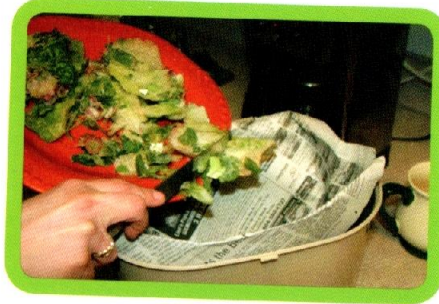
What happens to your Food Scraps?

The contents of your complex's Green Bin are collected weekly and taken to a regional composting facility where high grade compost is made and sold as soil amendments. For more information, visit: burnaby.ca/foodscraps

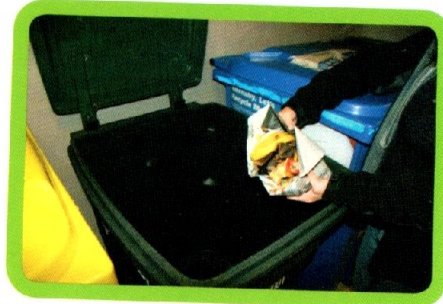


Recycle Your Food Scraps in 3 Easy Steps:

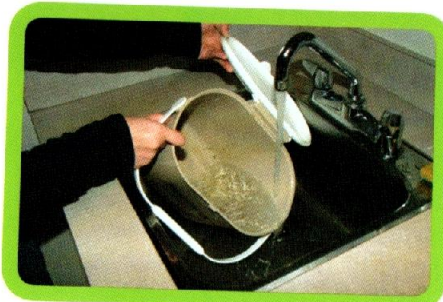
Collect **YES**  food scraps in a kitchen container of your choice.



Empty your kitchen container into your complex's Green Bin located beside your complex's garbage and recycling containers.



Rinse your kitchen container each time you empty it, line it with paper, and start collecting food scraps again.



What Goes in the Green Bin?



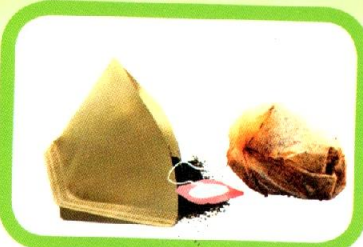
Meat, bones



Bread, dough, pasta, grains



Egg and dairy



Coffee grounds, filters & tea (loose & bags)

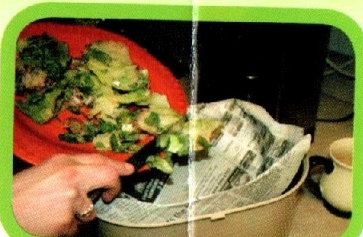


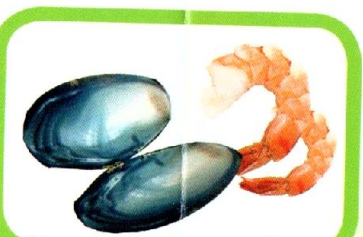
Plate scrapings



Fruits & vegetables



Pizza boxes & napkins



Fish, seafood & shells



Yard trimmings/house plants

What does NOT go in the Green Bin?



Plastic bags or compostable plastics (bio-bags)



Wire, twist ties, or rubber bands



Grease or liquids



Animal waste, kitty litter or diapers



Garbage



Dirt, rocks/sod

Wrap Your Scraps! **YES**

To reduce odour and to keep your kitchen container and your complex's Green Bin clean, wrap your scraps using one of the following paper products:

- newspaper/paper towel
- paper bags (e.g mushroom bags)
- cereal or cracker boxes
- pizza boxes

