

The Town of Ipswich is getting greener.

We're diverting tons of organics one little green cart at a time!

COMPOST IN YOUR GREEN CART

FOOD SCRAPS

- Fruits and Vegetables, raw or cooked (stems, skins, pits, and seeds too)
Remove stickers before composting
- Bread, Grains and Pasta
- Coffee Grounds with paper filter
- Dairy
- Cakes, Cookies, Candies, Gum
- Eggshells and Eggs
- Leftovers and Spoiled Food
- Raw or Cooked Meat and Bones
- Raw or Cooked Seafood, including shells
- Tea and Tea Bags (no staples, please)
- Nuts, Pits, Nutshells (all kinds!)
- Solid Cooking Grease that can be wiped off with paper towel

FOOD-SOILED PAPER AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- BPI-Certified Compostable Bags (must have BPI-certified logo)*
- x Greasy Pizza Boxes (tear and recycle clean boxes)
 - x Coffee Filters and Tea Bags (no staples, please!)
 - x Soiled REAL PAPER Cups and Plates
 - x Food-soiled Napkins
 - x Food-soiled Paper Bags
 - x Food-soiled Paper Towels
 - x Tissues (no bodily fluids)
 - x Paper Egg Cartons (no plastic or Styrofoam)
 - x Paper Towel Tubes
 - x BPI-Certified Compostable Paper Takeout Boxes/Containers
 - x #7 PLA Bioplastic made from corn (cups, straws, lids)
 - x BPI-Certified Compostable Waxed or Parchment Paper
 - x Wooden Chopsticks, Toothpicks
 - x Pencils (with metal tip & eraser removed!)
 - x Wooden Popsicle Sticks
 - x Corks -- natural only
 - x Bentonite-free Kitty Litters, including feces
 - x Hair, Fur, and Feathers (non-synthetic)

OTHER

Cooking Oil (in a container with a lid, set on top of cart)

COMPOST IN BROWN PAPER YARD BAGS

PLANTS

Organic yard trimmings (limit 4 bags/week) MUST be put in brown paper yard bags and placed NEXT TO the green cart for collection.

- Flowers and Floral Trimmings
- Herbicide-free Grass and Weeds
- Houseplants
- Twigs and Small Sticks

OTHER

- Vegetable Wood Crates
- Wood -- sawdust or unpainted, small pieces of "clean" wood lumber only (no plywood, pressboard, painted, stained or treated wood)
- Rotted Wood (processed in chipper first)
- Animal Bedding (bird/hamster), including Waste
- Backyard Chicken Shavings, Straw and Waste
- Wood-stove and Fireplace Ash
- Plant-based Packaging Peanuts (see if they dissolve in water first!)

DO NOT COMPOST

- NO Leaves (bring to Transfer Station on Town Farm Road)
-- cannot be curbside because they fill up the truck
- NO Branches (bring to Transfer Station)
- NO Dirt, Pebbles or Large Sticks
- NO Cartons (milk, ice cream, juice, cream, broth, etc.)
-- they have hidden plastic
- NO Aluminum Foil or Trays
- NO Paper, Junk Mail or Magazines (please recycle)
- NO Cereal Boxes (colored ink and plastics -- please recycle)
- NO Plastic Bags, Wrappers or Film
- NO Donut Boxes or KFC Buckets or Boxes
- NO Cigarettes
- NO Plastic of any kind, including "Biodegradable"
-- only *BPI-Certified* Compostable
- NO Ceramic Dishware or Glassware
- NO Textiles: clothes, bedding, linens, rags (please donate)
- NO Corks Made of Plastic
- NO Dead Animals
- NO Dental Floss
- NO Diapers of any kind
- NO Painted or Stained Wood
- NO Sanitary Products
- NO Cotton Balls or Cotton Swabs
- NO Dryer Lint or Dryer Sheets of any kind
- NO Chemically Soiled Paper (e.g., baby or cleaning wipes)
- NO Produce Stickers, Rubber Bands or Food Ties

BIN CARE

Wash/rinse your cart as needed (more so in the summer).
Baking soda helps.

Please line your green cart to prevent items from freezing to the bin or sticking in the summer.

Examples of liners:

- Paper bags from the grocery store
-- three to four filled bags fit into the green cart
- BPI-certified "compostable" bags -- must have the BPI logo
- Zumi's compostable coffee bags
-- limited availability at DPW office and special events



Learn more about Ipswich's curbside composting program and other initiatives to reduce waste at IPSWICHRECYCLES.ORG.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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