

Are you using acceptable Green Cart liners?

Do your part to help keep Halton's
compost **plastic free!**



If you choose to line your Green Cart with a bag, please ensure you are using acceptable certified compostable liners with the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo on the box, as shown to the left. These bags are made from plant-based materials so they compost easily. Not all liners sold are accepted for use in Halton's Green Cart program. Halton Region does not accept plastic products or plastic liners in the Green Cart.

Acceptable liner bags with the BPI logo can be purchased at various retail stores.



Other acceptable
items including:

- paper towels
- sheets of newspaper/flyers
- cardboard
- paper bags
- paper food waste bags



Unacceptable bags



Plastic shopping bags



Garbage bags



Plastic green or blue recycling bags



Oxo-biodegradable or degradable bags

Green Carts
lined with
unacceptable
bags will not be
collected.



Do your part
Use the **Green Cart**

Green Cart

Acceptable items

All food waste, including:

Fruits and vegetables, salads, tofu, nuts and shells

Breads and grains, cereal, pizza, pasta, couscous, rice, and oatmeal

Baked goods, cake, cookies, pie, muffins and candy

Meat, fish, and shellfish Including bones

Eggs and egg shells

Dairy products, cheese and yogurt

Tea bags, coffee grounds and filters

Fats, oils, butter, sauces, syrups, peanut butter, and jams

Compostable paper products, including:

Paper plates and cups (no lids), paper take-out food containers, paper egg cartons, baking paper, paper towels and tissues, shredded paper

Other acceptable items including:

Dryer lint, human and pet hair, houseplants, popsicle sticks, sawdust and cold wood ashes (in paper bags)

Remember: no plastic, glass, metal, Styrofoam, stickers, elastics, diapers, or pet waste.

Make Better Compost

The food waste that goes in the Green Cart is used to make compost for gardens and agricultural fields. The final compost material will be a better product by following these tips to keep our compost clean:

No plastic packaging. When cleaning out your fridge, please remember to remove food from plastic bags, produce bags, plastic wrap and Styrofoam. These items go in the garbage, and the old or leftover food goes in the Green Cart.



No elastics. Please remove elastic bands from vegetables such as broccoli, celery, green onions and asparagus. The elastic bands go in the garbage, and the old food goes in the Green Cart.



No stickers. Please remove the sticker from fruit such as bananas, apples, pears and peaches. The stickers go in the garbage, and the fruit peels, cores and pits go in the Green Cart.



No diapers. Please place diapers and sanitary products in the garbage. These materials do not compost and result in compost that does not meet Ontario provincial quality guidelines.



No pet waste. Please place all pet waste, including litter and shavings, in the garbage. These materials reduce the overall quality of the final compost product.



Green Cart tips

- Wrap food waste in newspaper or soiled paper towels, or place in a cardboard box like a cracker or cereal box (no liners).
- Avoid insects and other pests by sprinkling a handful of salt, baking soda or powdered ginger in the Kitchen Catcher.
- To reduce odours, store meat, poultry, fish and bones in the freezer until you dispose of them in the Green Cart.
- Use a paper milk carton (without a plastic spout) to collect fats and oils. When full, place in the Green Cart.
- If a paper product is difficult to rip, or if there is visible plastic or metallic lining, it cannot go in the Green Cart.