

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
- Nuts, Pits, Nutshells (all kinds!)
- Solid Cooking Grease that can be wiped off with paper towel
- Cotton Balls and Cotton Swabs
- Hair, Fur, and Feathers (non-synthetic)

FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- Coffee Filters and Tea Bags (no staples!)
- Greasy Pizza Boxes (tear and recycle clean boxes)
- Soiled REAL PAPER Cups and Plates (If clean, please recycle these)
- Food-soiled Napkins
- Soiled Paper Bags
- Tissues
- Soiled Paper Towels
- Q-tips (non-plastic)
- BPI-Certified Compostable Paper Takeout Boxes/Containers
- Waxed Paper
- #7 PLA Bioplastic made from corn (cups, straws, lids)
- Wooden Chopsticks, Toothpicks
- Pencils (with metal tip & eraser removed!)
- Wooden Popsicle Sticks
- Corks -- natural only
- Bentonite-free Kitty Litters, including feces

COMPOST IN BROWN PAPER LAWN BAGS

PLANTS

Organic yard trimmings (limit 4 bags/week) MUST BE put in brown paper lawn 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

- Cooking Oil (in a container with a lid, set on top of compost cart)
- Vegetable Wood Crates
- Waxed Cardboard and Paper
- 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!)
- BPI-Certified Compostable Bags (must have BPI-certified logo)

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 Plastic Bags, Wrappers or Film
- NO Cigarettes
- NO Plastic of any kind, including "Biodegradable"
-- only BPI-Certified Compostable
- NO Ceramic Dishware or Glassware
- NO Textiles: clothing, bedding, linens and rags
- NO Corks -- plastic
- NO Dead Animals
- NO Dental Floss
- NO Diapers
- NO Waxed Paper Ice Cream Cartons
- NO Painted or Stained Wood
- NO Sanitary Products
- NO Cotton Balls or Cotton Swabs
- NO Dryer Lint or Dryer Sheets of any kind

BIN CARE

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

We strongly encourage you to 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 bin
- BPI-certified "compostable" bags
-- must have the BPI logo
- Zumi's compostable coffee bags
-- limited availability at special events and DPW office



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

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