

Put items like these in your brown bin.

Food Scraps fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, prepared food



Food-soiled Paper napkins, tea bags, plates, coffee filters



Leaf + Yard Waste plants, leaves, twigs, grass



No Metal, Glass, Plastic, Cartons, Clean Paper + Cardboard
Trash: Pet waste, medical waste, diapers, hygiene and foam products

Visit nyc.gov/organics for FAQs and videos.



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Organics Curbside Collection



Separating your
organics — food scraps
and yard waste — helps
our environment.

Don't trash your food scraps and yard waste.



The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collects food scraps and yard waste to turn them into compost. Compost creates healthy soil, which nourishes plants. We're also turning food scraps into clean, renewable energy.

We're sharing, too! DSNY gives away free compost at Street Tree Care and Giveback events. Visit nyc.gov/getcompost.

Here's how to join the program.

Small Residential Buildings

DSNY gives New Yorkers living in small residential buildings (single-family homes up to nine apartments) a free brown bin and kitchen container.

Larger Buildings and Commercial Blocks

Live in a building with 10 or more apartments or along a commercial block? Your building can get free brown bins and organics collection service, too! Ask your building manager to sign up at nyc.gov/organics or call **311**.

Food Scrap Drop-off Sites

If your building doesn't receive organics curbside collection service, you can take food scraps to drop-off sites across the five boroughs. Visit nyc.gov/organics or call **311** for locations and types of food scraps accepted.

Just three simple steps!

1 Collect food scraps, food-soiled paper and plants in any container or bag in your home.



- Line your container with any bag.
- Clean your containers as needed. DSNY-provided kitchen container is dishwasher safe.
- Visit nyc.gov/organics for more tips.

2 Empty organics into your brown bin.



- Line your brown bin with a clear bag.
- Close and latch your bin after each use.
- Regularly clean your bin.
- Kitchen container is for indoor use only. Do not set out for collection!

3 Set your brown bin at the curb prior to collection.



- Set out leaves and yard waste in paper bags or unlined bins. Small amounts ok in brown bin.
- Bundle twigs with twine.
Brooklyn & Queens: Due to Asian long-horned beetle quarantine, no large branches will be collected. Notify Parks Department or call 311 for disposal.
- Check your collection schedule at on.nyc.gov/collectionday.