

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, trimmings, twigs, grass



No Metal, Glass, Plastic, Cartons, Clean Paper + Cardboard

No Trash
Plastic bags, wrappers, pet waste, medical waste, diapers and hygiene 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 distribution events.

Visit nyc.gov/organics.

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.

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Just three simple steps!

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



- Sprinkle baking soda in your kitchen container or store scraps in the freezer to prevent odors.
- Line your container with a certified compostable bag or paper bag.
- When buying compostable bags, look for this logo:



2 Empty organics into your brown bin.



- Lining your bin with a compostable plastic or paper bag is best. You can also use a clear plastic liner.
- Rinse your bin and kitchen container as needed.
- Be sure to close and latch your bin.

3 Set your organics at the curb the night before your collection.



- If leaves and yard waste don't fit in your brown bin, set them out in a paper lawn and leaf bag or unlined container.
- Bundle twigs with twine.
Brooklyn and Queens: Because of the Asian long-horned beetle quarantine, no large branches will be collected. Notify the Parks Department or call 311 for disposal.
- Check your collection schedule at nyc.gov/organics.