

What Can Be Recycled With NYC Organics Collection?

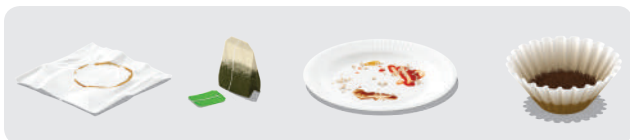
Food Scraps

including meat, bones, dairy, and prepared foods



Food-Soiled Paper

including napkins, paper plates, and coffee filters



Yard Waste

including plants, garden trimmings, leaves, and grass



No

**Metal, Glass, Plastic, Cartons, or
Clean Paper & Cardboard**

Recycle these items separately from organic waste.

No

Trash

Such as plastic shopping bags, pet waste, diapers, feminine hygiene products, or medical waste.



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NYC Organics Collection



Recycle food and yard waste at the curb.



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What Is NYC Organics Collection?

NYC Organics Collection is a pilot program to collect organic waste from selected residences, schools, agencies, and institutions across all five boroughs.

Every week, Sanitation collects food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste from pilot area participants.

Sanitation transports this waste to local and regional processing facilities.



Why Participate?

Recycling organic waste can help NYC:

- Reduce waste sent to costly landfills.
- Deter pests by keeping food waste in secure bins.
- Create compost (a natural soil amendment) and renewable energy.



Who Participates?

NYC runs one of the largest food waste pilots of its kind, operating in all five boroughs.

As of 2014, Sanitation offers curbside service to over 100,000 households and more than 750 schools, city agencies, and institutions.

Visit nyc.gov/organics for detailed maps.

How To Get Involved

Single-family homes and small apartment buildings in pilot areas automatically receive service, as well as selected public schools.

To request NYC Organics Collection in your apartment building, city agency, or nonprofit organization, complete an online inquiry form. See nyc.gov/organics for complete information.

Other Ways To Recycle Organic Waste

If you don't live in an NYC Organics Collection pilot area or your building does not qualify, you can still recycle organic waste! You can compost at home or bring your food waste to a drop-off site in your community.

NOTE: do not include meat, bones, or dairy in home composting or food-scrap drop-offs.

Visit nyc.gov/compostproject for food waste drop-off locations and more information about home and community composting.

