

# COMPOST DROP OFF

## FOOD SCRAPS



## SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS



## CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING & TABLEWARE



Compostable products must be BPI,  
CMA, or OK Compost certified  
Look For These Labels

**NO Plastic, Metal, Yard Waste, Grass Clippings,  
Cardboard, Fruit Stickers, etc.**



Food Scrap Collection  
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# What Can I Put in My Black Earth Compost Bin?

## YAY!

### Food Waste

- COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS
- BPI, CMA, OK Compost CERTIFIED COFFEE PODS\*
- NONSYNTHETIC TEA BAGS (okay to incl. staple)
- EGGS & EGGSHELLS
- MEAT & SEAFOOD (incl. bones, shells, & raw)
- LOBSTER SHELLS (makes the compost rich)
- FRUITS & VEGGIES (incl. stems, skins, pits, seeds, corn cobs, fruit from trees) (stickers removed)
- DAIRY (cheese, yogurt, etc.)
- PASTA, GRAINS & BREAD
- COOKIES, CAKE & CANDY
- NUT & COCONUT SHELLS
- COOKING OIL & GREASE (Liquid goes in a non glass container. Leave on top of the bin to be poured out by driver. Solid fat place directly in the bin.)

### Household Items

- WOOD (toothpicks, popsicle sticks, chopsticks, sawdust, small wood fruit containers)
- STOVE, GRILL & FIREPLACE ASH (please tie off bag)
- COTTON BALLS (no bodily fluids)
- WINE CORKS (cork, not plastic!)
- PET FOOD
- PET WASTE FROM RABBIT, CHICKEN, GUINEA PIG, HAMSTER & BIRD (incl. bedding) (no dog or cat)
- HAIR, FUR (human & animal)
- HOUSE PLANTS & FLOWERS
- LEAVES & GARDEN WASTE (with purch. of stickers, see next page) (no grass or sticks over 1" dia.)
- PUMPKIN (remove candle and decorations, one per pick up, place on top of bin)

### Food Soiled Paper & Compostables

Clean paper and cardboard are better recycled. We take the following items that are food soiled, but not chemical or cleaner soiled.

- NAPKINS & PAPER TOWELS (incl. bleached) (used on food or w/ organic certified household cleaner)
- COMPOSTABLE TABLEWARE: CUPS, PLATES, UTENSILS, ETC. (MUST be certified compostable\*)
- TISSUES (no bodily fluids incl. nasal mucus)
- EGG CARTONS & PAPER TOWEL TUBES
- NEWSPAPER for wrapping food (recycle otherwise)
- CARDBOARD BOXES (for lining bin, please recycle otherwise, tape & labels removed)
- CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE Pizza Boxes\*

## NAY!

### Packaging

- ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC: cups, containers, food & candy wrap, chip bags, shopping bags, garbage bags, produce bags, plastic wrap, cellophane etc.
- ABSOLUTELY NO CARTONS: milk, juice, ice cream, shelf-stable cream, broth & soup containers (they have hidden plastic & foil components)
- NO PRODUCE STICKERS, RUBBER BANDS, TIES & ALL PRODUCE & MEAT PACKAGING
- NO MEAL BOX INSULATION
- NO BIODEGRADABLE PACKING PEANUTS
- NO TAKE OUT CONTAINERS & CUPS (most are not compostable, check if certified compostable\*)

### Household Items

- NO BODILY FLUID (blood, mucus, snot)
- NO USED COMPOSTABLE DIAPERS (sorry!)
- NO DOG or CAT WASTE (incl. cat litter)
- NO DEAD ANIMALS
- NO GRASS CLIPPINGS (subscribe to an approved organic yard care partner and we can take it!)
- NO LAUNDRY LINT & DRYER SHEETS
- NO TEXTILES (recycling is available with sticker)
- NO DENTAL FLOSS, Q-TIPS, SANITARY PRODUCTS
- NO CHRISTMAS TREES or WREATHS

### Paper

- NO SHREDDED PAPER
- NO MAIL, ENVELOPES, SHINY PAPER, MAGAZINES, CEREAL BOXES (due to colored ink & plastics)
- NO PLASTIC or WAXED CARDBOARD
- NO WAX or PARCHMENT PAPER (unless certified\*)
- NO CHEMICALLY-SOILED PAPER (baby & disinfectant wipes, paper used w/ chemical cleaners, house paint, machine oil, etc.)

\*Compostable products must be **BPI, CMA, or OK Compost** certified. Items that say biodegradable, compostable or ASTM-6400 alone are NOT accepted. Look for these logos, check the search tool on each website, or contact the product company if unsure.



# No plastic bags

Compostable items only



Purchase certified compostable products that have the BPI, CMA, TUV or OK Compost certification labels on the packaging or in the product description. Unfortunately, the term 100% Compostable, ASTM D6400 or D6868, Plant Based or Biodegradable on compostable products does not mean we accept it.



Examples:

[ecosafe.green](http://ecosafe.green)

[biobagusa.com](http://biobagusa.com)

