



**Together  
We're  
Keeping  
Food Scraps  
Out of the  
Garbage**

# Food Scraps Recycling

Metro Vancouver encourages residents and businesses in the region to separate food scraps from garbage and place them in the green bin. Recycling food scraps reduces waste, reduces our methane contributions, and creates compost and bioenergy.

Surcharges are applied at regional disposal facilities to loads of garbage containing over 25% food.

## What Goes in the Green Bin?

### Food

- All food scraps, including fruit and vegetables, grains, dairy, and meat
- Prepared food (leftovers)
- Shells (egg shells, seafood shells) and bones
- Small amounts of fat, oil, and grease

### Food-Soiled Paper

- Paper napkins
- Food-soiled newsprint (often used to line a kitchen catcher)
- Paper towel
- Coffee grounds and filters, paper tea bags
- Wooden chopsticks, skewers, popsicle sticks



Plastic and plastic-lined bags, even the ones labelled "biodegradable" or "compostable" do not go in the green bin.



Scan the QR code for more information about what goes in the green bin.

## More Information

Talk to your landlord or waste and recycling hauler

Call 604-681-5600

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