

The Town of Ipswich is getting greener.

We're diverting organics one little green bin at a time!

COMPOST IN YOUR GREEN BIN

FOOD SCRAPS

- Bread, grains and pasta
- Coffee grounds with paper filter
- Dairy
- Cakes, cookies, candies, gum
- Eggshells and eggs
- Fruits and vegetables, raw or cooked, (stems, skins, pits, and seeds too)
Remove stickers before composting
- Leftovers and spoiled food
- Raw or cooked Meat and bones
- Raw or cooked Seafood including shells (lobster/crab OK, clams shells not – too hard)
- Tea and tea bags
- Nuts, Pits, Nutshells (all kinds!)
- Solid cooking grease that can be wiped off with paper towel
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs
- Hair, fur, and feathers (non-synthetic)

FOOD SOILED PAPER

- Coffee filters and tea bags
- Greasy pizza boxes (tear and recycle clean boxes)
- Soiled REAL Paper cups and plates (IF clean, please recycle these)
- Food-soiled napkins
- Soiled Paper bags
- Tissues
- Soiled Paper Towels
- Q-tips (non-plastic)
- Certified Compostable Paper take-out boxes and containers
- Waxed Paper
- #7 PLA Bioplastic made from corn (cups, straws, lids)
- Wooden chop sticks, toothpicks
- Pencils with metal tip & eraser removed
- Popsicle Sticks
- Natural Corks
- Bentonite-free Kitty Litters including feces

COMPOST IN BROWN PAPER LAWN BAGS

PLANTS

Organic yard trimmings (limit 10 bags/week) must be bundled or placed in brown paper lawn bags and placed next to the green cart for collection

- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Herbicide-free Grass and weeds
- Houseplants

OTHER

- Vegetable wood crates
- Waxed cardboard and paper
- Wood - small pieces of lumber or sawdust from "clean" wood only (no plywood, pressboard, painted, stained or treated wood)
- Rotted wood, processed in chipper first
- Animal Bedding (bird/hamster) including waste
- Backyard Chicken shavings, straw and waste
- Wood Stove and Fireplace Ash
- Plant-based packaging Peanuts (check to see if they dissolve in water first!)
- BPI certified bags

DO NOT COMPOST

- Leaves (compost in back yard or bring to Transfer Station on Town Farm Road – they fill up the truck)
- Branches (bring to Transfer Station)
- NO CARTONS (Milk, ice cream, juice, cream, broth, etc... they have hidden plastic)
- Aluminum foil or trays
- Plastic bags, wrappers or film
- Cigarettes
- "Biodegradable and Compostable" plastic (Only BPI Certified Plastics)
- Ceramic dishware or glassware
- Clam, oyster shells
- Textiles: Clothing, linens and rags
- Liquid Cooking oil
- Corks - plastic
- Dead Animals
- Dental Floss
- Diapers
- Waxed Paper ice cream containers (Recycle if clean)

BIN CARE

It is strongly encouraged that you line your green cart to prevent items from freezing to the bin or sticking in the summer.

Examples of liners:

- Paper bags from the grocery store; three to four filled bags fit into the green bin
- "BPI Compostable" approved bags - must have the BPI logo
- Zumis compostable coffee bags - limited availability at farmer's market and DPW office
Wash/Rinse your bin as needed (more so in the summer). Baking soda helps.



Learn more about Ipswich's curbside composting program and other initiatives to reduce waste at IPSWICHRECYCLES.ORG

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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