

# The Town of Ipswich is getting greener.

## We're diverting tons of organics one little green cart at a time!

### COMPOST IN YOUR GREEN CART

#### FOOD SCRAPS

- Fruits and Vegetables, raw or cooked (stems, skins, pits, and seeds too)  
Remove stickers before composting
- Bread, Grains and Pasta
- Coffee Grounds with paper filter
- Dairy
- Cakes, Cookies, Candies, Gum
- Eggshells and Eggs
- Leftovers and Spoiled Food
- Raw or Cooked Meat and Bones
- Raw or Cooked Seafood, including shells
- Tea and Tea Bags (no staples, please)
- Nuts, Pits, Nutshells (all kinds!)
- Solid Cooking Grease that can be wiped off with paper towel

#### FOOD-SOILED PAPER AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- *BPI-Certified* Compostable Bags (must have BPI-certified logo)
- Greasy Pizza Boxes (tear and recycle clean boxes)
- Coffee Filters and Tea Bags (no staples, please!)
- Soiled REAL PAPER Cups and Plates
- Food-soiled Napkins
- Food-soiled Paper Bags
- Food-soiled Paper Towels
- Tissues (no bodily fluids)
- Paper Egg Cartons (no plastic or Styrofoam)
- Paper Towel Tubes
- *BPI-Certified* Compostable Paper Takeout Boxes/Containers
- #7 PLA Bioplastic made from corn (cups, straws, lids)
- *BPI-Certified* Compostable Waxed or Parchment Paper
- Wooden Chopsticks, Toothpicks
- Pencils (with metal tip & eraser removed!)
- Wooden Popsicle Sticks
- Corks -- natural only
- Bentonite-free Kitty Litters, including feces
- Hair, Fur, and Feathers (non-synthetic)

#### OTHER

Cooking Oil (in a container with a lid, set on top of cart)

### COMPOST IN BROWN PAPER YARD BAGS

#### PLANTS

*Organic yard trimmings (limit 4 bags/week) MUST be put in brown paper yard bags and placed NEXT TO the green cart for collection.*

- Flowers and Floral Trimmings
- Herbicide-free Grass and Weeds
- Houseplants
- Twigs and Small Sticks

#### OTHER

- Vegetable Wood Crates
- Wood -- sawdust or unpainted, small pieces of "clean" wood lumber 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 (see if they dissolve in water first!)

### DO NOT COMPOST

- NO Leaves (bring to Transfer Station on Town Farm Road)  
-- cannot be curbside because they fill up the truck
- NO Branches (bring to Transfer Station)
- NO Dirt, Pebbles or Large Sticks
- NO Cartons (milk, ice cream, juice, cream, broth, etc.)  
-- they have hidden plastic
- NO Aluminum Foil or Trays
- NO Paper, Junk Mail or Magazines (please recycle)
- NO Cereal Boxes (colored ink and plastics -- please recycle)
- NO Plastic Bags, Wrappers or Film
- NO Donut Boxes or KFC Buckets or Boxes
- NO Cigarettes
- NO Plastic of any kind, including "Biodegradable"  
-- only *BPI-Certified* Compostable
- NO Ceramic Dishware or Glassware
- NO Textiles: clothes, bedding, linens, rags (please donate)
- NO Corks Made of Plastic
- NO Dead Animals
- NO Dental Floss
- NO Diapers of any kind
- NO Painted or Stained Wood
- NO Sanitary Products
- NO Cotton Balls or Cotton Swabs
- NO Dryer Lint or Dryer Sheets of any kind
- NO Chemically Soiled Paper (e.g., baby or cleaning wipes)
- NO Produce Stickers, Rubber Bands or Food Ties

### BIN CARE

Wash/rinse your cart as needed (more so in the summer).  
Baking soda helps.

**Please 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 cart
- BPI-certified "compostable" bags -- must have the BPI logo
- Zumi's compostable coffee bags  
-- limited availability at DPW office and special events



Learn more about Ipswich's curbside composting program and other initiatives to reduce waste at [IPSWICHRECYCLES.ORG](http://IPSWICHRECYCLES.ORG).

#### HAVE QUESTIONS?

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