

YES! These items ARE acceptable in the bins:

Foods:

- ✓ Breads & pastas
- ✓ Coffee/ tea grounds
- ✓ Cooked meat, fish, poultry, bones
- ✓ Herbs & greens
- ✓ Eggshells & dairy
- ✓ Grains & cereals
- ✓ Fruits & vegetables
- ✓ Leftovers & scraps
- ✓ Rice & beans



Non-foods:

- ✓ Coffee/ tea paper filters, tea bags
- ✓ Compostable containers
- ✓ Cut flowers & stems
- ✓ Paper towels & napkins
- ✓ Soiled pizza boxes & paper bags
- ✓ Uncoated paper cups, plates
- ✓ Wax paper



Many of the acceptable items on this list should not be added to your backyard compost pile. The items collected here will be processed at an industrial-scale facility that can handle a variety of items at very high temperatures, ranging from 131° to 155°F.

NO! These items ARE NOT Acceptable in the bins:

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| X Aluminum foil, cans | X Plastic bags, film |
| X Ash or coal | X Plastic silverware |
| X Bathroom products | X Plastic plates |
| X Baby wipes | X Raw meat |
| X Chewing gum | X Recyclables |
| X Glass | X Steel cans |
| X Household trash | X Straws |
| X Liquid cooking oil | X Textiles |
| X Pet waste, fur, hair | X Tobacco products |
| X Plastic containers | X Yard waste & leaves |



- Make a weekly menu before you shop and stick to it at the store
- Check your freezer/pantry before grocery shopping, create meals around items already purchased
- Measure and portion food during meals
- Take canning classes at the Cooperative Extension office
- Compost wasted food at home or find a curbside pick-up service
- Grow your own food or join a community garden
- Shop at the local farmers markets & eat seasonally
- Join a CSA and share with your neighbors
- Donate canned goods from your cabinets to a food pantry



Food Waste Prevention Tips