

Bagging your organics – DOs & DON'Ts



USE COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC OR PAPER BAGS

Compostable bags include certified compostable plastic or paper grocery bags. Compostable plastic bags must be certified for compostability by a large-scale compost facility. The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo shown below must be on the compostable plastic bags (the logo will also be on the box the bags come in) to be accepted in the organics recycling program.

Compostable plastic bags may be found at most grocery, hardware and large retail stores in the area. You may find certified compostable plastic bag brands and other certified compostable items by visiting BPI's website:

www.BPIworld.org

Bags labeled as degradable, biodegradable, oxo-degradable, earth friendly, etc. have not been tested for compostability and therefore are not accepted in the program or at compost facilities in the State. There are no black bags that are certified compostable at this time.

Compostable plastic bags must have this logo to be accepted.



ORGANICS MUST BE BAGGED

Just like your trash, organic material must be contained within a bag. If organics are in your cart without a bag they will stick to the cart's sides resulting in increased odor and pests. In the wintertime, unbagged organics freeze to the cart and crews cannot empty the material into their trucks. It is in the best interest of residents and their surrounding neighbors to maintain clean carts. Please always bag your organics. Pizza boxes and egg cartons do not need to be bagged; these items are difficult to contain inside of a bag and will not stick to the carts if unbagged.

DON'T USE NON-COMPOSTABLE BAGS



This bag is not accepted. It is not BPI Certified. There are no black bags that are certified compostable at this time.



Plastic grocery bags may not be used. Only BPI certified compostable plastic bags or paper bags are allowed.

DO USE COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC OR PAPER BAGS



Use BPI Certified compostable plastic bags.



Paper bags may also be used to bag organics.

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Organic material cannot be placed loose within your cart. Organics must be bagged. Pizza boxes and egg cartons do not need to be bagged.