

Organics collection is now in your neighborhood.



The NYC Department of Sanitation will soon begin collecting **food scraps and yard waste** twice a week on your trash collection days.

This organic material is turned into compost or renewable energy!

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Organics Collection Schedule

NEIGHBORHOOD	BIN DELIVERY	COLLECTION BEGINS	COLLECTION DAY
BROOKLYN Dyker Heights Fort Hamilton	starting Sept. 19	week of Oct. 2, 2016	<p>2x/week on your trash days</p> <p><i>If your collection day falls on a holiday, set out trash and organics after 4pm on that holiday for collection beginning the next day. Hold recycling for the following week.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Check your collection schedule: on.nyc.gov/collectionday</p>
QUEENS Ridgewood	starting Oct. 17	week of Oct. 30, 2016	
QUEENS Aurburndale Bayside Douglaston Douglas Manor Little Neck Hollis Hills Oakland Gardens	starting Nov. 7	week of Dec. 4, 2016	

My start date passed and I still don't have a bin. Why?

- Bins will be delivered to your neighborhood over a two-week period. Some homes may receive bins after the first organics collection day.
- Make sure you live in the program area: see maps at nyc.gov/organics.
- If you are in the collection area and it has been over a month since collection began, use the form at on.nyc.gov/replace-bin or call **311**.

Schedule Change: Bulky Items

Set out oversized, non-recyclable items **after 4pm the night before your last trash day each week** and DSNY will collect these items by Saturday evening. This change affects items larger than 4 feet by 3 feet, such as mattresses and couches.

For mattress set out requirements, call **311** or visit nyc.gov/dsny.

How To Participate

Small Residential Buildings

Free bins and a starter kit are automatically delivered to single family homes and small residential buildings (up to 9 units).

Large Buildings and Commercial Strips

Apartment buildings (10+ units) and apartments along commercial strips must enroll to receive their bins. Ask your building manager to enroll online at nyc.gov/apt-recycling or call 311.

It's Easy!

1 Collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and plants in any container or bag.

- The kitchen container provided by DSNY is dishwasher safe.
- **Tips!** Sprinkle baking soda in the container or store scraps in the freezer to prevent odors and pests. Line your kitchen container with a compostable bag.



2 Empty organics into your brown bin.

- Clean bins regularly.



3 Set the brown bin and yard waste at the curb the night before your trash collection days.



FAQs

How do I line my outdoor brown bin?

- **Clear plastic liner.** Liners help keep your bin clean, and are separated from organics during processing.
- **Brown paper bags.** These are compostable.
- **Certified compostable bags.**

Buy online or ask your local stores. Look for this logo:



What if my yard waste doesn't fit in my brown bin?

- **Set out additional yard waste in a paper lawn and leaf bag or unlined container.** *Yard waste set out in plastic bags (not in the brown bin) will be collected as trash.*
- **Bundle small branches with twine.**
- **Brooklyn and Queens: no wood debris (branches).** You must notify Parks Department for disposal due to Asian Long-Horned Beetle quarantine; call **311** or visit on.nyc.gov/wood-debris.

What if my brown bin is missing or damaged?

Submit the form at on.nyc.gov/replace-bin. Supplies are limited.

Why is DSNY offering this service?

Instead of sending organics to landfills, the Department of Sanitation is turning organic material into compost or clean, renewable energy.

The Benefits

- Healthier soil, food, and plants
- Nourishes NYC's street trees
- Fewer rodents and odors
- Less reliance on fossil fuels
- Cleaner atmosphere
- Helps NYC get to zero waste

Learn what happens to your food scraps and yard waste!

For more FAQs, tips, and videos, go to nyc.gov/organics.

What Goes in the Brown Bin

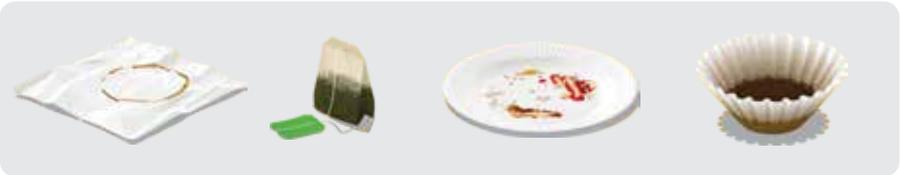
Food Scraps

fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods



Food-Soiled Paper

napkins, towels, tea bags, plates, coffee filters



Yard Waste

plants, leaves, garden trimmings, branches, grass



No **Metal, Glass, Plastic, Cartons, or Clean Paper & Cardboard**
Recycle these items separately from organic waste.

No **Trash**
plastic bags or wrappers, pet waste, medical waste, diapers, hygiene products