

How To Participate

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

- Keep container handy wherever most convenient.
- Optional: Store scraps in freezer to prevent odors and pests.



2 Empty organic waste into your brown bin.

- **No plastic bags.** If you use a plastic grocery bag to collect kitchen scraps, empty the scraps into the brown bin, and then throw away the bag.
- Ok to include paper or certified compostable bags.



3 Set out brown bin and any yard waste on your trash collection days.

Holidays: If your organics collection day falls on a holiday, set out organics **after 4pm on that holiday** for collection the next day. Hold other recycling for the following week.



Collection Tips

How do I line my outdoor brown bin?

You have several options:

- **Don't use a liner.** Reduce waste!
- **Absorb moisture** by adding newspaper, pizza boxes, or leaves to your brown bin. This helps prevent odors and flies.
- **Use brown paper bags.** These are compostable.
- **Use certified compostable bags.** Look for this logo. Purchase online or ask your local stores.
- **Least preferred option: clear plastic liner** (they're not compostable). No other plastic bags permitted.



Clean bins regularly. The kitchen container is dishwasher safe.

What if I have a lot of yard waste?

If you have yard waste that won't fit in the brown bin, place it in a paper lawn & leaf bag, an unlined container, or a clear plastic bag. Bundle brush and small branches with twine.

Don't use black bags. Yard waste set out in black bags is collected as garbage.

Brooklyn and Queens: no wood debris. You must notify Parks Department for disposal due to Asian Long-Horned Beetle quarantine; call 311 or visit on.nyc.gov/wood-debris.

How can I get another kitchen container?

DSNY does not replace, redeliver, or sell kitchen containers. You can purchase your own; or use any container like a bowl or yogurt tub to gather food scraps.

What if my brown bin is missing or damaged?

Submit the Bin Replacement Request Form at nyc.gov/organics. Supplies are limited.

PERFORATION

Organics Collection Schedule

Set out organic waste twice a week on your trash collection days.

COLLECTION AREA See maps at nyc.gov/organics .	COLLECTION BEGINS on your 1 st trash day
Brooklyn: Bay Ridge 65 th St. to 74 th St., and 7 th Ave. to Shore Rd.	week of June 8, 2015

What if collection already started but I don't have a brown bin?

- **Bins will be delivered to most homes in each area before collection begins.** Some homes may receive bins after the first collection day.
- Make sure you live in the collection area: check maps at nyc.gov/organics or check your collection schedule at nyc.gov/dsny.
- Apartment buildings with 10 or more units and buildings along commercial strips are not automatically enrolled in the program. Apply online to receive organics collection at nyc.gov/organics.
- If you are in the collection area *and* it has been over a week since collection began in your neighborhood, call **311** or use the Bin Replacement Request Form at nyc.gov/organics to report that your bin was never delivered.

Recycle this organic waste

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



Food-Soiled Paper napkins, towels, plates, coffee filters, tea bags



Yard Waste plants, garden trimmings, leaves, 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



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OFFICIAL NOTICE:
 New! DSNY organics collection service

AVISO OFICIAL:
 ¡Nuevo! Servicio de recolección de residuos orgánicos del DSNY
 Llame al 311 para obtener más información.

官方通知：
 全新！紐約市清潔局（DSNY）有機物收集服務
 致電311以獲取更多資訊。

Save for reference - or recycle it!
 Printed on recycled paper, of course.

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NYC
 Organics Collection

Organics recycling is now in your neighborhood.

Sanitation will collect your household's organic waste **twice a week on your regular trash collection days.**

Organic waste includes:

- food scraps
- food-soiled paper
- yard waste

This waste will be turned into compost, a natural soil amendment.

