How To Participate

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.

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.

Set out brown bin and any yard waste on your recycling day.

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.

Organics Collection Schedule

Set out organic waste once a week on your regular recycling day.

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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

**Metal, Glass, Plastic, Cartons, or Clean Paper & Cardboard** Recycle these items separately from organic waste.

**Trash** plastic bags or wrappers, pet waste, medical waste, diapers, hygiene products

Organics recycling is now in your neighborhood.

Sanitation will collect your household’s organic waste once a week on your regular recycling day.

Organic waste includes:
- food scraps
- food-soiled paper
- yard waste

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

NYC Department of Sanitation
Recycling and Sustainability
PO Box 156
Bowling Green Station
New York, NY 10274-0156

OFFICIAL NOTICE:
New! DSNY organics collection service

AVISO OFICIAL:
¡Nuevo! Servicio de recolección de residuos orgánicos del DSNY

Call 311 for more information.

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