

# Yard and Food Scrap Recycling



**YES!**

## Yard Waste

- ♻️ Grass and leaves
- ♻️ Weeds
- ♻️ Plant Trimmings
- ♻️ Houseplants
- ♻️ Branches  
(under 4' long, 4" diam.)

## Food Scraps

- ♻️ Meat, fish, poultry, bones
- ♻️ Dairy products (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.)
- ♻️ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ♻️ Bread, pasta and grains
- ♻️ Eggshells, nutshells
- ♻️ Coffee grounds and filters
- ♻️ Leftovers
- ♻️ Tea leaves and bags

## Food-Soiled Paper

- ♻️ Greasy pizza delivery boxes
- ♻️ Coffee filters with coffee grounds
- ♻️ Paper towels and napkins
- ♻️ Uncoated paper plates and cups
- ♻️ Uncoated paper food wrap
- ♻️ Uncoated paper food bags
- ♻️ Paper grocery bags containing food scraps
- ♻️ Paper egg cartons
- ♻️ Paper berry cartons

*Uncoated food soiled paper does not have a shiny surface.*

**When in doubt throw it out.**

Contamination increases the cost of recycling.



**NO!**

- ⊘ Absolutely no plastic
  - No plastic-coated cartons (milk, ice cream, etc)
  - No plastic-coated paper or cups
  - No plastic bags
  - No plastic food wrap
  - No plastic food containers
  - No Styrofoam food containers
  - No plastic-coated food take-out containers
- ⊘ Grease or liquids
- ⊘ Pet waste
- ⊘ Diapers
- ⊘ Soil, rocks
- ⊘ Stumps
- ⊘ Branches over 4'x 4"
- ⊘ Lumber or fencing
- ⊘ Metal, glass
- ⊘ Hazardous waste



## Tips for Collecting Kitchen Scraps

For convenience, keep a container in or near your kitchen to collect kitchen scraps. Empty this container into your yard cart as needed.

### Possible containers:

- countertop kitchen scrap containers.
- green compostable kitchen bags are widely available. Visit [www.recyclefood.com](http://www.recyclefood.com) for retail locations in your community.
- used paper bags (Fill and put in cart.)
- reusable plastic or metal container with a tight fitting lid. Do not put plastic of any kind in your cart.

**Food scraps must be placed in the curbside yard waste cart provided by the City of Enumclaw.**

To avoid odor and fruit flies, you can

- empty food scraps into the yard waste cart daily
- wrap food scraps in newspaper or collect them in green compostable kitchen bags
- rinse kitchen container frequently
- line kitchen container with a used paper bag or towel
- sprinkle baking soda in kitchen container
- layer shredded paper, food scraps and yard waste in your cart

For more help with odors or flies, call City of Enumclaw Solid Waste Division at **360-825-5541**.

## Collection Schedule

Check with the City Solid Waste Division for a schedule of curbside yard waste pickups. Visit City of Enumclaw's web site at [www.cityofenumclaw.net](http://www.cityofenumclaw.net) for information about your garbage service.

## If You Have Extra Yard Waste

Put extra yard waste (no food scraps) that doesn't fit in the cart in any of these:

- Reusable polywoven bags • Paper yard waste bags
- Bundles (Limit 4' x 2'). Tie with fiber twine. No wire, nylon or plastic cord.
- Cans with handles and lids (32 gal, 50 lb limit).
- Label cans "yard waste."
- Fill loosely.

**No plastic bags.**



## Where Does Yard Waste Go?

Yard and food waste is processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores. Visit [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com) for more information.



## Natural Yard Care Advice

Contact The Garden Hotline for advice about how to use compost and other natural yard care products at 206-633-0224 or [help@gardenhotline.org](mailto:help@gardenhotline.org).



## Food Scrap Recycling

Yard waste customers can put food scraps in the yard cart at no extra cost!

*Food scraps and food-soiled paper make up more than 30% of residential garbage!*

You can recycle fruit, vegetables, meat, bones and dairy scraps, and food-soiled paper with your yard trimmings in the yard waste cart provided by the City Solid Waste Division



## Not a Yard Waste Customer?

Subscribe to curbside yard waste service: Contact City Solid Waste Division. Visit our web site for information about solid waste service. [www.cityofenumclaw.net](http://www.cityofenumclaw.net)