

Organics Recycling



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Benefits of Composting

1. Conservation of landfills

THOUSANDS OF TONS of garbage EACH WEEK will now be recycled.

2. Methane

Landfills are the largest source of methane emissions in the US.

METHANE IS 70 times WORSE a Greenhouse Gas than Co₂.



Benefits of Composting



- Incinerating food is inefficient
- Reduces the need for synthetic pesticides and fertilizers:
- $\frac{1}{2}$ the rivers and lakes in the US suffer from nitrogen runoff which leads to deadzones.

Need for Composting

Organics - food scraps and food-soiled paper products are a *resource, not a waste.*

Compost can be used to:

- Replenish soils
- Reduce soil erosion
- Prevent polluted stormwater runoff from contaminating wetlands, lakes and streams
- Sequester carbon dioxide



Before and After



MYTHS



ODOR: You're not generating NEW material –it's the SAME waste you had before. You're simply removing the plastic – which does not soak up odors.

Take out as frequently as you take out trash to avoid odor issues.

Odor is a red herring/non issue – buy a compost pail with carbon filter if really worried .

MYTHS

COMPOSTING IS HARD/TOO

MUCH EFFORT: How much time and effort do you spend putting things in the garbage can? A **few seconds each week**. Curbside composting is a matter of opening a lid with one hand, and letting go of what you're holding in the other. If you can dispose of trash you can compost.

You can even use your same kitchen bin. We're just asking you to keep plastic out.



MYTHS

BIO BAGS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE:

- Yes, and so are new incinerators and landfills.
- You don't HAVE to use bags – you can wrap wet scraps in newsprint, place in a milk or ice cream container, or in some cities simply throw in the green cart.
- Bags are convenient and recommended, but not mandatory.



MYTHS

MY KITCHEN'S TOO SMALL:

- Counter top pails take up very little space.
- Convert your existing kitchen trash to compost and keep a bag or container under the sink for plastic film and packaging. Or use a bathroom size trash bin for trash alongside your compost bin. 80% of what you produce will be recycling or organics.
- See next slide for ideas on kitchen set up.



Kitchen Set up

Countertop



Bathroom



Kitchen bin

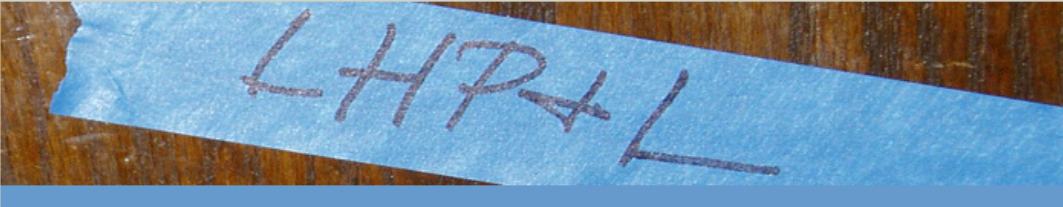


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What's Compostable/What's Not A-Z

Print the list below as a PDF [here](#).

YES	NO
Ashes from fireplace or grill (cold, and contained)	Animal Waste
Baked goods	Baby Wipes
Biodegradable Bags (not plastic based, must have compost council logo)	Band-aids
Bones	Bandages
Boxes from refrigerated & frozen food	Berry containers (plastic)
Breads	Candles
Butter & margarine	Candy wrappers, chocolate bar wrappers
Cake	Cat litter
Candy	Ceramics
Certified compostable knives and forks, look for "D6400"	Cigarette butts
Certified compostable plates, cups, etc look for "D6400"	Cigars
Cereal	Cleaning products
Cheese	Condiment Packets, plastic - e.g. ketchup,

Visit your City or County website or www.lhpowerandlight.org

Recycling Organics

- **It's SO EASY**

Convinced?

Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, tell them to tell their city council member, talk to your schools, churches, restaurants and coffee shops, bakeries, etc.

We can ALL help reduce waste.

