

Some Helpful Tips for Maintaining Green Carts

Wrap It Up

To reduce odours, put your food scraps in a paper bag or wrap them in newspaper before placing them in your green cart.

Any Amount Will Do

Place your green cart at the curb during each collection—it doesn't have to be full to be collected.

Rinse Your Cart

Rinse your bins and sprinkle them with baking soda to keep them clean and reduce odours.

Accepted Cart Liners

Newspaper and paper bags are acceptable for lining the cart.

Compostable liners which bear the US Composting Council logo are the only acceptable liner.



X If your green cart is contaminated with unacceptable materials, it may be rejected and not emptied.

NO	YES
X Styrofoam	✓ Meat, fish and bones
X Metal or foil	✓ Tea bags
X Fabric, rags or clothes	✓ Egg shells
X Kitty litter or pet waste	✓ Soiled paper and paper cups
X Glass or ceramic material	✓ Dairy products
X Feminine hygiene products or diapers	✓ Grass and plant waste
X Large branches, trunks or stumps	✓ Pasta, rice, and bread
X Plastic: including clear and grocery bags	✓ Fruit and vegetables
	✓ COLD stove ashes
	✓ Wood shavings
	✓ Tissue and paper towel
	✓ Human and pet hair
	✓ Coffee filters and grounds

Need a Green Cart?

If you are a resident of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and have never had a green cart, or need to replace a broken one, call 1-855-350-3324.

If you live in the Town of Mahone Bay or Bridgewater, please contact your Town Office for details about how to get a green cart for your home or business.

Town of Bridgewater: **(902) 541-4370**

Town of Mahone Bay: **(902) 624-8327**



Municipal Joint Service Board
Lunenburg Regional Community
Recycling Centre

908 Mullock Road
Whynotts Settlement
Nova Scotia

Phone: (902) 543-2991
Fax: (902) 543-7960

Web: www.communityrecycling.ca

GREEN CART

A Composting Guide



MUNICIPAL JOINT SERVICE BOARD
LUNENBURG REGIONAL
Community Recycling Centre
TURNING OUR RESOURCES AROUND

Reducing Maggots and Odours in the Summer



Reducing the number of flies in your green cart is the key to reducing maggots. Follow these steps to help keep them away.

Increase the pH

Sprinkle lime for your lawn on the organic material to create an unfriendly environment for maggots and rinse your compost cart after it has been emptied.

Line Your Cart

Keep the lid of your cart closed and line your compost cart with newspaper, soiled pizza boxes or paper cart liners to absorb moisture. Fold paper liners tightly to keep the flies out—maggots only exist if they are able to access the organic material in the compost cart.

Keep It Cool

Store your cart in a shaded area to slow the decomposition of organic material; the smell of decomposing meat is especially inviting for flies.

Timing

Try to clean out your fridge the day before collection rather than a few days after.

Regular Collection

Put your compost cart out for every collection. This will reduce the available food for maggots and enable you to rinse your compost cart more often, cutting down odours that attract flies.

Mix With Yard Waste

Put a layer of soiled paper, leaves or yard waste between food scraps from the kitchen. This will help minimize the smell of decomposing food.

Freeze It

If you have space, store meat scraps in the freezer until the day of compost collection.

Keeping Your Green Cart from Freezing



During winter the contents of your compost cart may freeze to the sides of your green cart or to the grate at the bottom. The waste hauler may only be able to empty some of the contents or none at all. Use these tips to make it easier to empty the cart:

Strain It

Strain excess liquid from soups and sauces with a strainer, then place solid pieces in the cart.

Wrap It

Wrap-up foods with high moisture content in newspaper.

Oil Up

Spray a little cooking oil along the inside of the cart to make it easier for the contents to slide out.

Liner as a Barrier

Line the cart with an accepted green cart liner to keep organic material from sticking to the sides of the cart.

Alternate Layers

Layer foods with high moisture content with sawdust or cold stove ashes as they are placed in the cart.

Keep It Half Full

Ensure your cart is curbside for each collection. Then, if your cart is frozen and cannot be emptied, there will still be space for food scraps until the cart thaws and can be tipped the next time.



Ashes in the Green Cart

Ensure ashes are completely cold before placing them in the cart. Check for hot spots. Hot ashes can melt carts and start fires!