

USEFUL TIPS

- Clean your brown bins regularly in order to reduce odors.
- Place newspaper or cardboard at the bottom of your bin, in order to absorb liquids.
- Keep highly perishable foods (meat and fish) in the freezer. Place them in the brown bin on collection day.
- Sprinkle a little baking soda on materials that are starting to give off unpleasant odours.
- Avoid leaving your bins in the sun or near a heat source.
- Always keep the lids of your countertop and brown bins tightly closed.
- Coat the lid of the brown bin with a cough rub to keep squirrels away.

By using your **→brown bin** for your food waste, you're giving a second life to materials that don't belong in the garbage.



By-law concerning collection services (16-049)

Disposal of food waste materials in the garbage, putting your bins curbside outside of the collection schedule, and deliberately causing damage to the bins is prohibited, and may be subject to a fine.

Reduce food waste

You can save up to \$1,000 a year by not wasting the food you buy. How? By planning your purchases better, storing your food properly and freezing your leftovers. By following these steps as often as possible, you can reduce the amount of food thrown away in your brown bin.



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ACCEPTED MATERIALS ✓



Raw foods



Cooked foods



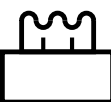
Brown paper
and paper towels



Wooden or heavily
soiled cardboard
food boxes



Heavily soiled
cardboard
or wooden dishes



Tissues

Raw, cooked or spoiled foods

- ✓ Fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Meat and poultry with or without bones
- ✓ Fish and bones, seafood and shells
- ✓ Grain products such as dough, bread, cake, and rice
- ✓ Eggs and eggshells
- ✓ Solid dairy products (cheese, butter and yogurt)
- ✓ Tea leaves or coffee grounds with paper bags or filters
- ✓ Nuts and shells
- ✓ Cookies, sweets and desserts
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Spices and herbs

Soiled paper and cardboard

- ✓ Tissues, paper towels, napkins
- ✓ Paper tablecloth, cardboard or wooden dishes
- ✓ Food boxes
- ✓ Cardboard fruit baskets

REFUSED MATERIALS ✗



Plastic bags



Plastic dishes
and containers
compostable or not



Liquids



Animal litter



Diapers



Clothing
and fabrics



Household
hazardous
waste

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Plastic dishes and containers compostable or not
- ✗ Polystyrene and plastic wrapping
- ✗ Liquids (soup, milk, juice, coffee, etc.)
- ✗ Animal litter and waste
- ✗ Diapers and sanitary products
- ✗ Clothing and fabrics
- ✗ Cork, wax, hot ashes, cigarette butts
- ✗ Chewing gum
- ✗ Recyclable materials (clean paper, packaging and cardboard containers, plastic, metal and glass)
- ✗ Construction and renovation materials (earth, rock, sand, wood, ceramic, porcelain)
- ✗ Medicines and biomedical waste
- ✗ Household hazardous waste