

## Residential Organics Drop-off Location Acceptability List:

Accepted	Not Accepted
Baked goods	Air Filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.)
Bamboo foodservice items	Aluminum foil (if clean, recycle)
Beans (cooked or dry)	Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
Berry cartons ( <u>paper only</u> )	Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chimney)
Bones	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Baby, personal, and flushable moist wipes
Cellulose sponges	Bags of any kind unless paper or labeled as BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable
Cereal	Band-Aids™, bandages, and first-aid items
Certified compostable bags (must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Batteries (bring to the Recycling Zone)
Certified compostable foodservice items, including plates, utensils, bowls, and cups (must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	"Biodegradable" labeled items without certification
Cheese and cheesecloth	Candles and candle wax
Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Candy and chip wrappers
Coffee cups <u>only when marked BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable</u> . Most Convenience store, Starbucks, Caribou, etc. cups go in the trash.	Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine-contains plastic, recycle)
Coffee grounds and paper filters (K-cups or other coffee pods are trash. Empty the coffee grounds from the pods into the organics)	Cat litter
Cork (natural only, plastic corks are trash)	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
Corn cobs, husks, and shuckings	Charcoal (Contains chemicals for quick or easy lighting is garbage. If you're unsure throw it away.)
Cotton balls (all cotton without chemicals/nail polish on them)	Cigarettes, cigars, and butts
Dough	Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with cleaning products or chemicals
Dust bunnies	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Egg cartons ( <u>paper only</u> )	Condoms and related products
Eggs and egg shells	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)
Fish and fish parts	Cosmetics and perfumes
Food - ALL including: spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, frozen dairy, all fruits and vegetables including peelings and pits (except Black Walnut shells), baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	Containers (plastic, glass, metal, cartons)
Flour and sugar paper bags (not plastic lined)	Crayons and chalk
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon and plastic)	Dead animals
Frozen foods (remove from bag)	Dental floss (contains plastic)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits - except Black Walnut shells	Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets)
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers)
Grains	Dryer lint and dryer sheets (contains synthetic fibers)
Gravy	Dusting wipes (contains synthetic fibers)
Hair - human and pet	Fast food wrappers and packaging (contains plastic lining)
	Feces (human and pet)
	Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic)
	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
	Freezer boxes for frozen dinners and frozen pizzas (contains plastic)
	Garden trimmings and waste*
	Gauze and bandages
	Glass

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Herbs and spices	Grass clippings* ( or, leave on lawn)
Indoor plants and trimmings	Grease or oil
Jam and jelly	Gum (contains plastic)
Meat and meat products (including fat and bones, raw or cooked)	Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic - both are plastic lined)
Melons, pumpkins, and gourds	Incontinence products
Nail clippings	Laminated paper
Napkins (no chemicals or cleaners on them)	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt (recycle if clean and dry)	Leaves* (or, leave on lawn)
Noodles & pasta (cooked or uncooked)	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Nuts and nut shells - Except Black Walnut shells	Street sweepings (contains salt and chemicals)
Oatmeal	Markers and pens
Oysters, mussels clams (shells and all)	Metal
Paper bags (recycle if clean. Includes flour, sugar, cornmeal, and brown paper bags-these are not plastic lined)	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Paper plates, bowls, and cups - uncoated and <u>only when marked BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable</u> . All other plates and cups go in the trash	Paper not certified compostable (e.g. Chinese food containers, coffee cups, take-out containers, plates, bowls, etc.)
Paper towel rolls	Paper that can be recycled
Paper towels (without chemicals or cleaners)	Parchment and wax paper (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Pastries and pies	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
Peelings from fruits or vegetables	Pesticides (solid and liquids)
Pencils and pencil shavings (no metal, foil or erasers)	Pet food bags (contains plastic or foil lining)
Pits from fruits and vegetables	Pet waste and waste handling items
Pizza boxes (delivery only; recycle if not very greasy or cheesy). Freezer pizza boxes are trash	Photos and slides
PLA plastic (only if labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Plastic (including bags and wrap)
Popcorn kernels	Plastic utensils (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Popsicle sticks (wood only)	Popcorn bags that go in the microwave (contains plastic lining)
Q-tips™ (paper middle only). If plastic, then trash	Products labeled as "biodegradable", earth friendly, etc.
Rice	Q-tips™ with plastic middle
Sauces	Refrigerated boxes (contains plastic)
Shredded paper (no staples, paper clips, or plastic)	Remodeling debris
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Rocks and gravel
Spices (fresh or dried)	Rubber and rubber bands
Tea bags (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining, remove staples)	Snack and sandwich bags (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Tissues and tissue paper	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Toilet paper rolls	Soil and dirt
	Star Tribune "oxo-degradable" bags
	Stickers, including fruit stickers
	Sticks or branches*
	Straws
	Street sweepings (contains salt and chemicals)
	Styrofoam™ (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
	Synthetic clothing
	Tape (transparent, Scotch™, electrical, duct, packing, etc.)

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Toothpicks (wood only)	Textiles
Yogurt (remove from container)	Toys
Look for one of these logos to verify if a product is certified compostable or visit: <a href="http://www.BPIworld.org">www.BPIworld.org</a>	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
 	Vacuum cleaner bags
Note: Items marked with a * may be placed out for yard waste collection, or use a special leaf and yard waste site.	Wax & wax paper (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable, candle wax, car wax, etc.)
Updated 6.18.2016	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
	Wood scraps
	Wrappers
	Wrapping Paper
	Yard waste of any kind (branches, stumps, sticks, grass clippings)*

**Questions?** Call Environmental Resources at 952-891-7557

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