

# Recycle this organic waste

**Food Scraps** fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods



**Food-Soiled Paper** napkins, towels, plates, coffee filters, tea bags



**Yard Waste** plants, garden trimmings, leaves, grass



**No** Metal, Glass, Plastic, Cartons, or Clean Paper & Cardboard  
Recycle these items separately from organic waste.

**No** Trash  
plastic bags or wrappers, pet waste, medical waste, diapers, hygiene products



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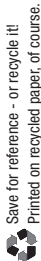
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**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**  
New! DSNY organics collection service

**AVISO OFICIAL:**  
¡Nuevo! Servicio de recolección de residuos orgánicos del DSNY  
Llame al 311 para obtener más información.

**官方通知：**  
全新！紐約市清潔局（DSNY）有機物收集服務  
致電311以獲取更多資訊。



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**NYC**  
Organics Collection



Sanitation will collect your household's organic waste **twice a week on your regular trash collection days.**

Organic waste includes:

- food scraps
- food-soiled paper
- yard waste

This waste will be turned into compost, a natural soil amendment.

# How To Participate

**1** Gather food scraps, food-soiled paper, and plants in any container or bag.

- Keep container handy wherever most convenient.
- Optional: Store scraps in freezer to prevent odors and pests.



**2** Empty organic waste into your brown bin.

- **No plastic bags.** If you use a plastic grocery bag to collect kitchen scraps, empty the scraps into the brown bin, and then throw away the bag.
- Ok to include paper or certified compostable bags.



**3** Set out brown bin and any yard waste the night before your trash collection days.

**Holidays:** If your organics collection day falls on a holiday, set out organics **after 4pm on that holiday** for collection the next day. Hold other recycling for the following week.



# Collection Tips

How do I line my outdoor brown bin?

You have several options:

- **Don't use a liner.** Reduce waste!
- **Absorb moisture** by adding newspaper, pizza boxes, or leaves to your brown bin. This helps prevent odors and flies.
- **Use brown paper bags.** These are compostable.
- **Use certified compostable bags.** Look for this logo. Purchase online or ask your local stores.
- **Least preferred option: clear plastic liner** (they're not compostable). No other plastic bags permitted.



Clean bins regularly. The kitchen container is dishwasher safe.

What if I have a lot of yard waste?

If you have yard waste that won't fit in the brown bin, place it in a paper lawn & leaf bag, an unlined container, or a clear plastic bag. Bundle brush and small branches with twine.

**Don't use black bags.** Yard waste set out in black bags is collected as garbage.

**Brooklyn and Queens: no wood debris.** You must notify Parks Department for disposal due to Asian Long-Horned Beetle quarantine; call 311 or visit [on.nyc.gov/wood-debris](http://on.nyc.gov/wood-debris).

How can I get another kitchen container?

DSNY does not replace, redeliver, or sell kitchen containers. You can purchase your own; or use any container like a bowl or yogurt tub to gather food scraps.

What if my brown bin is missing or damaged?

Submit the Bin Replacement Request Form at [nyc.gov/organics](http://nyc.gov/organics). Supplies are limited.

# Organics Collection Schedule

Set out organic waste twice a week on your trash collection days.

COLLECTION AREA See maps at <a href="http://nyc.gov/organics">nyc.gov/organics</a>	BOROUGH	COLLECTION BEGINS on your 1st trash day
Columbia St, Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Red Hook	Brooklyn	week of October 5, 2015
Ozone Park (south of 103rd Ave.), Lindenwood	Queens	week of October 5, 2015
South Ozone Park	Queens	week of October 12, 2015*
Gowanus, North Park Slope	Brooklyn	week of October 26, 2015
Howard Beach, Hamilton Beach	Queens	week of November 2, 2015*

\* Holidays: If your organics collection day falls on a holiday, set out organics after 4pm on that holiday for collection the next day. Hold other recycling for the following week.

What if collection already started but I don't have a brown bin?

- **Bins will be delivered to most homes in each area before collection begins.** Some homes may receive bins after the first collection day.
- Make sure you live in the collection area: check maps at [nyc.gov/organics](http://nyc.gov/organics) or check your collection schedule at [nyc.gov/dsny](http://nyc.gov/dsny).
- Apartment buildings with 10 or more units and buildings along commercial strips are **not** automatically enrolled in the program. Apply online to receive organics collection at [nyc.gov/organics](http://nyc.gov/organics).
- If you are in the collection area *and* it has been over a week since collection began in your neighborhood, call **311** or use the Bin Replacement Request Form at [nyc.gov/organics](http://nyc.gov/organics) to report that your bin was never delivered.