

Residential Organics Acceptability List

Yes	No
Baked goods	Air filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.)
Bamboo food service items	Aluminum foil
Berry cartons (paper only)	Animal food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Bones	Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chiminea)
Cellulose sponges	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil etc.)
Cereal	Baby, personal and flushable moist wipes
Certified compostable bags (must be labeled BPI Certified Compostable)	Band-Aids, bandages and first-aid items
Certified compostable food-service items (must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove Certified Compostable)	Batteries
Cheese and cheese cloth	"Biodegradable, earth friendly" etc. labeled items
chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Candles and candle wax
coffee cups (paper - only when marked certified compostable with no plastic lining)	Candy and chip wrappers
Coffee filters (100% paper only)	Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice or wine)
Coffee grounds (You can empty the coffee grounds from k-cups and pods into the organics. Containers are garbage.)	Cat litter
Condiment packets (paper only including salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitute etc.)	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases etc.)
Cork (natural only, not plastic)	Charcoal that contains chemicals for lighting
Corn cobs, husks and shuckings	Cigarettes, cigars and butts
Cotton balls (without chemicals on them)	Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges etc. soaked with cleaning products
100% cotton or wool clothing that cannot be repaired or donated (cut into 4" x 4" pieces)	Condiment packets - (plastic and foil including ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce etc.)
Dough	Condoms and related products
Dust bunnies	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock etc.)
Egg cartons (paper only)	Containers (plastic, glass, metal, cartons)
Egg shells	Cosmetics and perfumes
Facial tissue	Crayons and chalk
Fish and fish parts	Dead animals
Flour and sugar paper bags (not plastic lined)	Dental floss
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon and plastic)	Detergents (liquids, powder, sheets and tablets)
Food - All - spoiled, moldy, frozen, dairy, fruits, vegetables, seafood, meat including fat and bones etc.	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim and covers)
Frozen foods	Dryer lint
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits	Dusting wipes
Fur from pet grooming, not fur clothing	Fast food wraps (lining is plastic)
Grains	Feces (human and pet)
Gravy and sauces	All feminine hygiene products (paper and plastic)
Hair - human and pet	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
Herbs and spices	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
House plants and flowers	Garden trimmings and waste
Jam and jelly	Gauze and bandages
Masking tape-paper, small amounts with no paint or plastic	Gift wrap (recycle gift wrap without glitter or foil)
Meat and meat products (including fat and bones)	Glass

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Melon, pumpkin and gourds	Grass clippings
Microwaveable paper packaging (no plastic or foil)	Gum
Nail clippings	Ice Cream tubs (paper or plastic)
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt	Incontinence products
Noodles	Laminated paper
Nuts and nut shells	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Oatmeal	Leaves, rocks, dirt
Oysters, mussels, clams (shells and all)	liquids (pour nonhazardous liquids down the drain)
Paper bags (flour, sugar, cornmeal that are not plastic lined)	Litter and street sweepings
Paper take-out containers (not plastic lined or if they are lined, they must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable) (remove any metal)	Markers and pens
Paper plates and cups (unlined or if lined they must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Metal
Paper soiled with food	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA)
Paper towels and napkins	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Pastries and pies	Paper that can be recycled
Parchment paper (if BPI Certified)	Parchment and wax paper (unless BPI certified)
Pencils (no metal, foil or erasers)	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
Pencil shavings	Pesticides (solid and liquids)
Pet food and treats (dry or wet - strain liquids first)	Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Pickles	Pet waste and waste handling items
Pizza boxes	Photos and slides
PLA plastic (BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Plastic (all non-certified compostable, including plastic bags and wraps)
Popcorn kernels	Popcorn microwave bags (plastic and BPA lined)
Popsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only)	Plastic lined paper (unless BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)
Q-tips (paper middle only)	Q-tips with plastic middle
Sawdust (untreated wood only, no metal)	Remodeling debris
Shredded paper (no staples, paper clips, plastic)	Rubber and rubber bands
Spices (fresh or dried)	Sandwich and snack bags (unless BPI certified compostable)
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Tea Bags (Tea bag packaging must be paper lined only, no plastic or foil lining and remove staples)	Soil and dirt
Tissues and tissue paper	Star Tribune "oxy degradable" bags
Wax paper if BPI certified (butter wraps, pastry bags)	Styrofoam (egg cartons, packaging and peanuts)
<p>Look for one of these logos to verify if a product is certified compostable or visit: www.BPIworld.org</p>   <p>COMPOSTABLE IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES</p> <p><small>Check locally, as these do not exist in many communities. Not suitable for backyard composting. CERT # S-A-M-P-L-E</small></p>	Synthetic clothing
	Tape (transparent, Scotch, electrical, duct, packing,
	Toys
	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust), wood scraps
	Vacuum cleaner bags and contents
	Walnuts
	Wax unless certified compostable (wax paper, candle, car wax)
	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
	Wrapping paper (without glitter or foil can be recycled)