



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" labeled items
chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Candles and candle wax
coffee cups (paper - only when marked certified compostable)	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) plastic corks are garbage	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) recycle these
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 that has plastic
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon, plastic and metal)	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 and dryer sheets (contain synthetic fibers)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits	Dusting wipes (contain synthetic fibers)
Fur from pet grooming, not fur clothing	Fast food wraps and boxes - lining is not compostable
Grains	Feces (human and pet)
Gravy and sauces	All feminine hygiene products (paper and plastic)
Grease (only small amounts wiped in paper towels)	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
Hair - human and pet	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
Herbs and spices	Frozen or refrigerated food boxes
Indoor plants and trimmings (no dirt or outdoor plants)	Garden trimmings and waste, grass clippings
Jam and jelly	Gauze and bandages
Masking tape-paper only, 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 (contains Plastic)
Nail clippings (no polish)	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 and fast food packaging, not plastic lined or if lined, they must be labeled BPI certified compostable. Chinese takeout is garbage.	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) unless certified compostable
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) no plastic	Q-tips with plastic middle
Sawdust (untreated wood only, no metal)	Remodeling debris
	Rubber and rubber bands
Spices (fresh or dried)	Sandwich and snack bags (unless BPI certified compostable)
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Shredded paper (other than newspaper) that has print on it
Tea Bags (Tea bag packaging must be paper lined only, no plastic or foil lining and remove staples)	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Tissues and tissue paper	Soil and dirt
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, mounting,
	Toys
	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust), wood scraps
	Vacuum cleaner bags and contents
	Black Walnuts and shells
	Wax unless certified compostable (wax paper, candle, car wax)
	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
	Wrapping paper (without glitter or foil can be recycled)
	Yard Waste (grass clippings, leaves, tree or garden trimmings)