

GREENERBAY

COMPOST

ACCEPTABLE & NOT ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR COMPOST BUCKETS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any products <u>clearly and individually labeled</u> as BPI or TUV Certified Compostable (including bags, cups, etc.) Ashes, from untreated, natural wood (no charcoal!) Bones (from cooked meats only) (no whole carcasses) Breads and baked goods (buns, cakes, cookies, etc.) Chemical-free cotton balls & Q-tip brand cotton swabs Coffee beans, chaff, grounds, and paper coffee filters <u>Cooked meat</u> (beef, fish, pork, poultry, venison, etc.) Dead/dying houseplants & garden waste, unless chemically-treated (no thick root balls!) Eggs (including raw, hardboiled/Easter eggs, & shells) Fall leaves (no grass/lawn mower clippings mixed in!) Fish skins (such as those produced during filleting) Flowers, unless painted/dyed or covered in glitter Fruits, herbs, & vegetables, including potatoes/root veggies and beans/legumes (whole or scraps, raw or cooked) (WITH ALL STICKERS & PLASTIC REMOVED!) Grains (corn, rice, wheat, etc.) & grain-based products of any kind (including breads, cake mixes, cereals, chips, crackers, flours, pastas, taco shells, etc.) Herbivorous animal/bird bedding & droppings (from chickens, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, etc.) Jams, jellies, preserves, maple and other types of syrups, nut butters, salsas, hummus, tahini, etc. Nuts, seeds, & their shells (no black walnut or pecan!) Old/spent potting soil (perlite is ok; remove all rocks!) Pits (from avocados, mangos, peaches, plums, etc.) Pumpkins and gourds, if unpreserved & free of paint, glitter, marker, etc. (with all tea lights removed!) Untreated, natural wood/planer shavings & sawdust Scobies (such as from kombucha production) Shells from soft-shelled crustaceans (including crab legs, lobster tails, and shrimp shells) <u>Solid or soft dairy</u> (cheese slices, cottage cheese, cream cheese, shredded cheese, yogurt, etc.) <u>Specific plain/matte paper items</u>: Coffee filters, egg cartons, napkins, newspaper (no shiny inserts!), paper bags (including fast food & grocery store bags), paper plates, paper towels, pizza/food boxes and frozen pizza “rounds,” tea bags/tags (no staples and no “pyramid” bags!), and toilet paper/paper towel tubes (remove all stickers, staples, tape, & receipts!) (ABSOLUTELY NO SHINY/GLOSSY OR GREASE/WATER-RESISTANT PAPER!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stickers, rubber bands, twist ties, etc. from fresh produce (remove as soon as produce is home!) Alcohol or fruits soaked in alcohol (such as beer, wine, hard liquor, etc.) or large amounts of vinegar (pickled eggs, mushrooms, vegetables, etc. are okay) Black walnut/pecan products (due to juglone content) Ceramics (such as terracotta pot pieces) Charcoal or coal (whether “natural” or not) Chemicals of any kind (such as make-up, disinfectant/wet wipes, household cleaners, etc.) Corks of <u>any</u> kind (as they do not compost well) Diapers, whether used or not Dryer lint (due to the risk of dyes/microplastics) Feces (including “manure”) from any animals besides the ones mentioned in the Acceptable column at left Feminine hygiene products, whether used or not (including pads, tampons, etc.) Glass of any kind (regardless of how dull or sharp) <u>Hair or fur of any kind</u> (as it doesn’t compost well) Hard, woody materials, such as bamboo brush handles, wood chips, pine cones, sticks, etc. Lawn grass/lawn mower clippings (due to the risk of herbicide/weed killer/Roundup contamination) <u>Large amounts of oils or liquids</u>, such as bacon grease, coffee, juice, kombucha, nut milks, pickle brine, tea, etc. (a little bit is ok, such as on a paper towel; leakage from decomposing fruit/vegetable scraps is expected) Leather goods/products of any kind <u>Liquid dairy</u> (such as milk, cream, “half and half,” etc.) Metal of any kind (including foil & tea bag staples) Paper or cardboard items of any type that are not specifically listed in the Acceptable column to the left Plastic or Styrofoam of <u>any</u> kind <u>Raw/uncooked meat</u> (including raw fish/sushi) Rocks or stones of any kind, regardless of size Thick root balls (such as from potted mums) “Snotty” tissues or Kleenex (for health/safety reasons) Sourdough starter (due to its stickiness) Synthetic, semi-synthetic, or inorganic fabrics of any kind (such as nylon, polyester, rayon, spandex, etc.) Toe or finger nail clippings (due to contaminant risk) <u>Wax, “baking”/parchment, “gift wrap,” “non-stick,” or any other kind of grease/water-resistant paper</u> Wet wipes, baby wipes, or “Swiffer” pads

RULES OF THUMB: “If it Grows, it Goes” in our Buckets! Alternatively, “When in doubt, throw it out!”