



ACCEPTABLE & NOT ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR INCLUSION IN OUR COMPOST BUCKETS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products <u>clearly and individually labeled</u> as BPI or TUV Certified Compostable (bags, bowls, cups, etc.) • Bones (from cooked meats only! Carcasses are ok) • Baked goods (bread, cakes, cookies, pie, etc.) & plant-based baking supplies (cocoa, flour, stevia, sugar, etc.) • Candy (no gum, sticks, or wrappers/packaging!) • <u>Certain paper items</u> (only if uncoated/non-glossy): Coffee filters, egg cartons, napkins, paper bags (including brown/kraft bags and soiled or clean “fast food” bags), paper plates, paper towels, pizza/takeout food boxes & cardboard pizza “rounds,” tea bags/tags (remove all staples; no “pyramid” bags!), and toilet paper/paper towel tubes – no stickers, staples, tapes, or receipts, and absolutely no shredded paper! • Chemical-free cotton balls & Q-tip brand cotton swabs • Coffee beans, chaff, grounds, and paper coffee filters • <u>Cooked/cured meat</u> (beef, fish, etc.), fat/gristle is ok • Crustacean/mollusk shells (clams, crabs, lobsters, etc.) • Dead/dying houseplants & garden waste, including old/spent potting soil, unless chemically-treated (remove rocks & break apart root balls! Perlite, vermiculite, & small, green fertilizer pellets are ok) • Eggs (including raw, hardboiled/Easter eggs, & shells) • Fall leaves (no grass/lawn mower clippings mixed in!) • Fish skins (such as those produced during filleting) • Fresh/cut flowers (unless painted/dipped/dyed) • Fruits, vegetables, & herbs, including root veggies and beans (fresh, frozen, or rotten, whole or scraps, raw or cooked are <u>all</u> acceptable) (with all plastics removed!) • Grains (corn, rice, wheat, etc.) & grain-based products, such as cereals, chips, crackers, pastas, tortillas, etc. • Herbivorous animal (gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, etc.) & chicken bedding and droppings • Jams, jellies, & other canned/jarred goods (syrops, nut butters, salsas, hummus, tahini, etc.) – no brine! • Nuts, seeds, & their shells (except from black walnut!) • Pits (including from avocados, mangos, plums, etc.) • <u>Plain</u> popsicle sticks, kabob skewers, & toothpicks • Protein and nutrition shake powders (whey, soy, etc.) • Pumpkins/Jack-o-lanterns and gourds, if free of paint & other decorations (remove any/all tea lights!) • Scobies (such as from kombucha production) • <u>Solid & soft dairy</u> (cheese blocks/sauce/slices, cottage cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, yogurt, etc.) • Sushi rolls, seaweed/nori, and onigiri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STICKERS, RUBBER BANDS, TWIST TIES, & OTHER PLASTICS, SUCH AS THOSE ATTACHED TO FRESH PRODUCE (remove as soon as groceries are home!) • Alcohol or fruits soaked in alcohol (such as beer, wine, hard liquor, etc.) or large amounts of vinegar (pickled cucumbers, eggs, mushrooms, vegetables, etc. are ok) • Any paper or cardboard items not specifically listed in the Acceptable column to the left • Ashes of any kind (due to high contamination risk) • Black walnut products (due to juglone content) • Ceramics (such as terracotta pot pieces) • Charcoal or coal (whether “natural” or not) • Cleaning supplies or chemical-based products (such as bleach, disinfectant/wet wipes, household cleaners, make-up, rubbing alcohol, soap, “Swiffer pads,” etc.) • Corks of <u>any</u> kind (as they do not compost well) • Diapers or feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons) • Dryer lint (due to risk of microplastics/PFAS and dyes) • Feces (including “manure”) from any animals not listed in the Acceptable column to the left • 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 & yard waste like 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 grease/cooking oils, brine, coffee, juice, kombucha, nut milks, tea, etc. (a little is ok, such as on paper towel; natural leakage from rotting food scraps is ok) • Leather goods/products or clothing of any kind • <u>Liquid dairy</u> (such as milk, cream, “half and half,” etc.) • Metal of any kind (including foil & tea bag staples) • Non-compostable/“biodegradable” plastic/foams • Pharmaceutical drugs/medications of any kind • <u>Raw/uncooked meat</u> (with the exception of sushi) • Rocks or stones (perlite & vermiculite in soil are ok) • Extremely tough root balls (from potted mums, etc.) • “Snotty”/used tissues or Kleenex (for health reasons) • Sourdough bread 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 contamination risk) • <u>Wax, “baking,” parchment, gift wrap/tissue, or any other “non-stick” or grease/water-resistant paper</u>

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