



Compostable materials collection



✓ MATERIALS ACCEPTED IN THE BROWN BIN

KITCHEN RESIDUES

- Fruits, vegetables and their peel
- Bread, cereals, pasta, cakes
- Meat and dairy products
- Coffee filters and tea bags
- Leftover food and expired food (WITHOUT PACKAGING)

GARDEN RESIDUES

- Herbs, leaves and conifer needles
- All gardening residues
- Small branches [maximum 2 cm (3/4 in) diameter and 60 cm (2 ft) long]
- Sawdust, bark, wood chips (NOT treated and NOT painted)

FOOD SOILED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Paper towels, hand paper, napkins, handkerchiefs
- Paper tablecloths and tablecloths
- Pizza boxes, paper muffin cups
- Cardboard plates and glasses

OTHER

- Shredded paper
- COLD or wet ash
- Pet litter

✗ MATERIALS REFUSED IN THE BROWN BIN

- Animal carcasses
- Diapers, tampons and sanitary towels
- Cotton swabs, cotton wool, cleansing pads and baby towels
- Cigarette butts
- Paper and cardboard soaked in dangerous products
- All bags and plastics

Tricks and Tips

Find YOUR OWN method to get the most out of your organic materials collection. There is more than one way to manage your brown bin. Just like recycling, everyone develops their own strategies depending on the residue, their motivation, their practices, the space available, the household's ability to manage the materials as well as their ability to adapt to new tasks. Just remember that plastic bags, even compostable ones, are not allowed in your bin.

Here are some tricks and tips that will help you take control of the brown bin and make your life easier.

- Wrap your Materials
- Freeze your Materials
- Brown Paper Bags

✓ WRAP YOUR MATERIALS

- You can wrap your materials in brown grocery bags, newspapers, flyers or cardboard. Often doubling or tripling the thickness prevents any leaking liquid.
- Make your own paper pouches by using flyers or newspapers. The folding technique is very simple. See the video by clicking right here.
- Wrap your leftovers in newspaper by using the wrapper technique See the video by clicking here to view an example of how it is done, in Gaspésie.

✓ FREEZE YOUR MATERIALS

The best trick for using the brown bin properly without any discomfort: Put any stinking residu (meat, fish, dairy products and other animal-based materials) in the freezer while waiting for the collection day. The refrigerator is another alternative if you don't have enough space in your freezer for similar results. Peelings of fruits and vegetables, bread, coffee and other materials that does not produce any bad odors can be accumulated without any inconvenience in your mini bin under the kitchen sink. Of course, it is important to regularly empty it in the brown bin.

✓ BROWN PAPER BAGS

Brown paper bags are accepted in the brown bin:

- Paper bags for collecting leaves
- Compostable paper bags only

NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE ACCEPTED.



Bag to Earth paper bags are accepted



Glad compostable bags are NOT accepted

