

# Organic Waste Recycling Steps



**1)** Discard yard trimmings such as leaves, grass, and untreated wood in the green bin. Do not overfill and make sure the lid is kept closed.



**2)** Place the kitchen pail in a convenient place: on the countertop, under the sink, in the freezer or refrigerator to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper products.



**3)** Empty kitchen pail contents into your outdoor green bin along with yard trimmings at least weekly. The kitchen pail should be returned to the kitchen, rinsed, and reused.



**4)** Every week place your green bin at your normal collection location by 6 a.m. on the same day as your regularly scheduled, weekly trash collection.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only City-provided green bins should be used for organic waste recycling collection.

## ✓ YES, PUT THESE IN

- ✓ Fruits and Vegetables
- ✓ Bread, Pastries, Tortillas, Rice and Beans
- ✓ Eggs and Dairy Products
- ✓ Leftover Food
- ✓ Coffee Grounds and Paper Filters
- ✓ Paper Towels and Napkins
- ✓ Food-Soiled Paper Bags
- ✓ Leaves, Grass, Yard Trimmings and Untreated Wood



## ✗ NO, LEAVE THESE OUT

- ✗ Glass and Metals
- ✗ Plastic Bags and Plastic Containers
- ✗ Any "Compostable" or "Biodegradable" Plastic Products
- ✗ Dishes, Containers and Utensils
- ✗ Fats, Oils and Grease
- ✗ Dirt and Rocks



## Helpful Tips

### KEEP YOUR BIN AS DRY AS POSSIBLE

- Line the bottom of the green bin with napkins, newspaper or plant trimmings to absorb excess moisture.
- Drain excess liquids from food scraps before putting them in the green bin.
- Wrap leftover food in newspaper, a paper bag or other food-soiled paper products.

### REDUCE POTENTIAL ODORS

- Delay adding dairy products to the green bin until collection day, freeze or refrigerate until pick up day.
- Wash the green bin regularly with soap and water.
- Sprinkle baking soda in the bin.

More helpful tips can be found at [sandiego.gov/cleanbintips](http://sandiego.gov/cleanbintips).

## Choose the Right Bin for Your Household's Needs

You can exchange your delivered green bin for a different size or request additional green bins.

**Please allow one business day after your new green bin is delivered before requesting an exchange for a different size bin or an additional bin.**

All bin requests can be made on the Get It Done app at [sandiego.gov/get-it-done](http://sandiego.gov/get-it-done) or by calling 858-694-7000.

**Size exchange options for the green bin that was delivered to your home:**

For a different size at no charge, please submit a request within **14 calendar days** of initial delivery. **Exchanges will only occur if the green bin is unused and still new.**

Scan here with your smart phone for more information.



**Need Help or Want to Learn More?**

Visit: [sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling](http://sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling) Email: [trash@sandiego.gov](mailto:trash@sandiego.gov)

**Call Our Customer Care Center Phone: 858-694-7000**

Translation and interpretation available upon request.

## Available Bin Options



**35 Gallon Container**



**65 Gallon Container**



**95 Gallon Container**