FOOD SCRAP AND FOOD-SOILED PAPER RECYCLING
GET STARTED AT HOME

Step #1: Request service
• If you don’t have it already, sign up for curbside yard waste service. Contact your garbage hauler for details.
• If you don’t have a lot of yard waste you can still recycle your food scraps and food-soiled paper? Ask for a smaller cart.

Step #2: Find the best kitchen container for you
• It can be as simple as reusing a plastic container or using a paper bag that can be recycled along with the food scraps and food-soiled paper.
• Kitchen containers designed specifically for food scrap recycling now come in a variety of styles, including plastic, stainless steel, ceramic, and bamboo. Find them at many local grocery, drugstore and hardware stores.
• Using compostable bags to line your kitchen container can help make it clean and convenient. Learn which bag brands are approved compostable and where to buy them at recyclefood.com.

Step #3: Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper
• Make food scrap and food-soiled paper recycling a part of your pre-meal prep and your after meal clean up routine. Don’t forget the old leftovers in the frig! They can be recycled too.
• Food scraps that can be recycled include meat, fish, bones, vegetable and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and beans, egg shells and coffee grounds.
• You can also put in food-soiled paper such as used paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, even pizza delivery boxes.
• Layer shredded paper in your yard waste cart to absorb liquids.

Step #4: Add them to your yard waste cart.
• Dump the contents of your kitchen container into your yard waste cart frequently.
• Remember what you put in is as important as what you leave out. Do not put plastic bags, plastic-coated (shiny) paper plates, cups and take-out containers, treated wood, diapers, cat litter or pet waste in the yard waste cart.
• To keep your yard waste cart clean, line the bottom with newspaper and layer in food scraps and food-soiled paper scraps with yard waste.
• Does your cart smell? Contact your garbage hauler for cart cleaning or replacement.

Concerned about odors or fruit flies?
• Collect food scraps in an approved compostable bag and empty them in the yard waste cart often.
• Store food scraps and food-soiled paper in your freezer and take them out the night before collection day.
• Use a container with a tight-fitting lid and/or a carbon filter.
• Sprinkle baking soda in the bottom of your kitchen container and your yard cart too!

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