

Thank you for participating in the City of Dubuque Curbside Composting Program

Your container will be collected
on your regular collection day,
year-round.

Please set it out before 6 a.m.



Acceptable Food Scrap Items

- All food including bones, dairy products, meat, poultry, and fish
- Coffee filters and tea bags
- Napkins and paper towels
- Paper bags
- Paper placemats

Unacceptable Food Scrap Items

- Animal waste or dead animals
- Compostable plastics
- Containers and lids
- Fats and greases
- Food-soiled paper cups and paper plates
- Plastic bags



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Not sure what goes where?

Scan to use the Waste Wizard.



Participating in this program helps to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and helps with the beneficial production of compost.

**See page 2 for helpful
composting tips!**



Tips for preventing odor and pests

- Use a reusable container with a tight-fitting lid to collect food scraps in your kitchen.
- Use a paper bag to contain and carry food scraps to your cart.
- To reduce odors, it's helpful to store your kitchen container in refrigerator or freezer until collection day.
- Keep a routine and take your food scraps out to your curbside cart to be collected each week.
- Wash your kitchen container thoroughly with detergent and water after every use.
- Rub vinegar around the rim of your kitchen container to avoid fruit flies.
- To reduce odors, sprinkle baking soda in the kitchen container and food scrap cart.



Tips to prevent organic material from freezing to your curbside cart

- Line your cart with cardboard or newspaper before placing food scraps in your cart.
- Place food scraps in freezer to preserve material. You can place frozen food scraps in cart for your curbside collection day, or keep it frozen until temperatures warm up.
- Place food scraps in paper bags before placing in cart.
- Wait to put your cart at the curb until just before 6 a.m. on your curbside collection day
- Use a separate, smaller food scrap container for kitchen collection. Materials collected can be emptied into composting cart.