

# 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



**SCAN ME**

***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!**



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## 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.