

# A Rind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste

## A guide to composting at the curb



### What Can Go in My Grey “Mixed Organics” Cart?

#### Put It In Compost

#### YES

Produce Peels & Trim  
Plate Scrapings  
Bones/Skins  
Eggshells  
Tea Bags  
Coffee Grounds/Filters  
Spoiled/Stale/Inedible Foods  
- Fruits/Vegetables  
- Breads/Pasta  
- Meats  
- Beans/Nuts/Seeds  
- Cheese/Dairy  
Napkins  
Paper Towels  
Pizza Boxes  
Yard Debris

#### Leave It Out

#### NO

Plastic  
Grease/Oil  
Liquids  
Glass  
Metals  
Garbage  
Styrofoam  
Drink Cartons  
Compostable Plastics  
Restroom Paper  
Hazardous Waste  
Pet Waste



Don't waste food! Buy what you need, eat what you buy.

### How Do I Get Started? Begin Kitchen Collection!

Keep a food scrap container with a tight fitting lid on the kitchen counter, under the sink, or in another convenient location.



**NO FOOD  
LEFT BEHIND**  
- CORVALLIS -

- Find something at home that can be repurposed - like a bucket or yogurt tub!
- Or drop by the “No Food Left Behind” booth at the Saturday Farmers’ Market for a compost collection pail like the one pictured (available by donation, \$0-5).

Choose what works best for you!

### Why Should I Use This Cart?

- **Save landfill space:** About 20% of waste going into landfills is food waste! Diverting this material helps lengthen the life of our landfill.
- **Turn “waste” into a rich soil amendment:** Compost helps retain moisture, increases nutrients, decreases the need for chemicals, and helps prevent soil erosion.



Republic Services’ composting facility, where our curbside mixed organics are processed.

### How Do I Keep It Clean? Try These Tips and Tricks!

If you have concerns about odors or pests that deter you from collecting food waste, try these tried and true tips:

#### Tips for Kitchen Collection:

- Line your kitchen container with scrap paper or a paper bag (both compostable) so contents pour out cleanly.
- Empty your container into your cart frequently and rinse/wash as needed.
- Keep your container in your fridge or freezer.



#### Tips for your Cart:

If you have yard debris, layer it under and on top of food waste to keep the cart cleaner and odor free. When you don't have yard debris, layer with newspaper or cardboard. (Pizza boxes work well!)

