



Loraas
Organics

SERVING OUR

growing

COMMUNITIES

with Loraas Organics



LORAAS ORGANICS ALLOWED ITEMS

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Ex: banana peels, carrot tops, corn husks, cherry pits, tomato vines, spoiled veggies.



ORGANIC YARD WASTE

Ex: grass clippings, dandelion weeds, leaves, branches, woodchips, untreated wood.



COMPOSTABLE & FOOD CONTAMINATED FIBERS

Ex: coffee filters, loose tea & tea bags, food-contaminated paper napkins & bags.



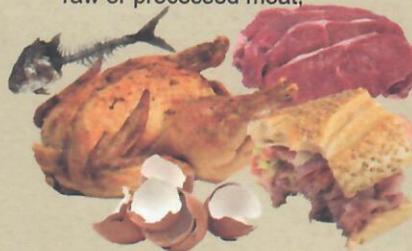
BREADS, GRAINS & PASTAS

Ex: bread, pizza, popcorn, grains, pasta, cereals.



PROTEINS & BONES

Ex: egg shells, fish, bones, raw or processed meat.



SOLIDIFIED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Ex: yogurt, sour cream, cheese, solid butter.



NOT-ALLOWED ITEMS

GLASS & METALS

Ex: jars, bottles, dishes, silverware, aluminum and tin.



OILS & LIQUIDS

Ex: cooking oil, milk, coffee creamer.



HYGIENE PRODUCTS & ANIMAL WASTE

Ex: human and pet waste/feces, hair, dryer lint, animal carcasses, elm trees.



BIODEGRADABLE & COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS

Ex: plastic coffee pods, plastic cutlery, plastic cups & lids.



FOOD PACKAGING & PLASTIC WRAP

Ex: plastic or glass containers, bags, waxed cardboard, styrofoam.



LABELS, STICKERS, PRODUCT ADD-ONS

Ex: burlap, stickers, netting, absorbent meat tray pad, elastic bands.



HELPFUL ORGANICS TIPS

- Organic waste should be placed loosely into your organic cart. Please do not bag or box items. No biodegradable or plastic bags allowed.
- Line the bottom of your cart with newspaper or paper towel, to help absorb moisture.
- Do not compact items in the cart.
- Ensure your cart lid is closed; open bins will not be picked up.
- Wrap wet food scraps in newspaper.
- Freeze foul smelling foods and place into cart the day of collection to avoid a foul smelling cart.
- Keep carts in a shaded area, if possible.
- Try adding small amounts of baking soda, garden lime, or vinegar to your cart to help deodorize it.
- Rinse cart in the summer as needed.
- Remember that if it's not from the garden or from your plate, then it probably should not go in the green cart.



Layer Your Organics Cart

Layer your organics cart with browns/dry and greens/wet alternatively. This will help to cut down on odours in your cart. Think of it as a compost lasagna!

Browns/dry materials are high in carbon and act as a filter which helps to absorb odours. Example of brown/dry material includes leaves, sawdust, and ripped up pizza boxes.

Greens/wet materials are items that may produce an odour, such as meat, dairy products, fruits, and vegetables.



CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Place your cart with the wheels towards the curb by 07:00 a.m. on collection day – this includes all statutory holidays, except Christmas and New Year's Day. Please return your cart to your property at days end.

Please do not bag your organics items; if there is a need to use a bag, only use a paper bag. Place your cart out when scheduled, even if it is not full, to reduce odour buildup.

Cart lids must be completely closed for pickup and carts must be 1 meter (4 ft) from all obstacles. Overfilled or carts in close proximity to objects may not be emptied.

In the event of severe weather, please leave your cart at the curbside. Our trucks will provide service as soon as possible after the conditions have cleared.

Do not remove your cart from its assigned address or permanently mark your cart. Please inform Loraas of any damages, vandalism, or if theft occurs.

For your child's safety, do not allow them to play near the collection containers or vehicles.

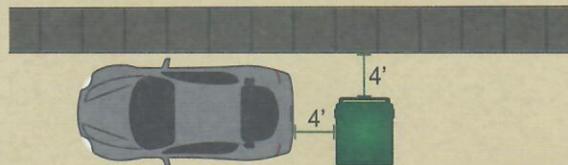
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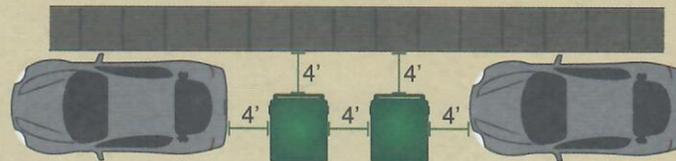
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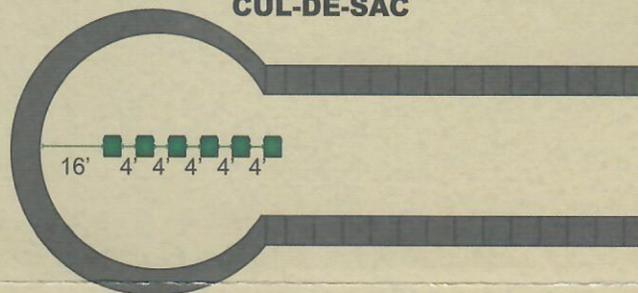
CLOSE TO OBSTRUCTIONS



BETWEEN TWO PARKED CARS



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FAQ'S & CONTACT

My organics are sticking to the cart! Can I use a plastic bag liner labelled “compostable” or “biodegradable”?

No, sorry! Please place all organic waste loosely into your green cart and do not compress items. If you do want to line or reduce items from adhering to the cart (especially in the winter) acceptable cart liners include paper products (paper bags, newsprint, paper, etc). Please refrain from using plastic of any kind. Plastics can degrade the quality of the compost and could even result in rejected collection.

What should and should not be placed into my green organics cart?

The rule of thumb is, “If it grows, it goes!” Acceptable and non-acceptable materials are listed on the reverse side of this brochure in a poster-like format and can be folded and placed on your fridge as a simple reminder.

How do I prevent odours and unwanted pests?

Placing wet foods into a paper bag, wrapping them in newsprint, or layering your cart with dry yard leaves or grass clippings can help. Freeze foul smelling foods and place them into your cart the day of collection. Keep carts in a shaded, cool, or well-ventilated area. Place your cart out for every collection, even if it is not full to reduce odour buildup. Occasionally rinse out your cart using vinegar or baking soda to naturally eliminate odours.

How does the organics program differ from backyard composting?

Organic waste from the green cart will be taken to our large-scale commercial composting facility. Our facility maintains higher temperatures than backyard compost bins and can break down materials within 8 to 13 weeks compared to 3 months. High temperatures are required to kill bacteria and break down difficult organic items including dairy, grains, and proteins that cannot be composted in a backyard compost bin.

What can I use to collect food scraps in my kitchen?

Any sealed container will do. However, Loraas has provided each residence with a small kitchen catcher container along with their green cart. Your organic waste can be placed into your catcher and transferred over when full.

Why are “biodegradable” or “compostable” plastics not allowed in the cart?

The reality is that anyone can label a product as “biodegradable” or “compostable” as there are no labelling standards over the use of those terms. Products with these labels might break down over time, however, it still can take years, or just slightly less time than a regular plastic bag, which can take hundreds of years. Keeping these items out of the green carts will help to ensure that everything you put into your green cart is composted and does not go to the landfill.



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