

food is not garbage

YOUR **GREEN BIN** COLLECTION
MADE **EASY** AND **CLEAN**



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*The ground's generosity takes in our compost and
grows beauty! Try to be more like the ground.
(Rumi)*

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The Green Bin program is a very effective way to reduce the amount of material going to landfill and prevent the loss of a valuable resource: **food waste**.

What is compost?

Composting is the process of biological digestion of organic matter. It results from the action of microorganisms breaking down organic matter, such as food residues, in the presence of oxygen.

This produces a soil rich in fertilizing compounds: **compost**.

Did you know that?

- Food waste represents about 50% of the contents of a garbage bag
- Burial of food waste contributes to groundwater contamination and to the production of methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more powerful than CO₂
- In addition to being polluting, landfilling is expensive for cities and taxpayers.
- The Quebec Residual Materials Management Policy aims to prohibit organic materials in landfills.

Thank you for your efforts!

Since the beginning of the food waste collection in 2009, thousands of metric tons have been diverted from landfills.

For more information, visit
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it's easier than you think

Multi-unit housing



STEP 1

Add a compostable plastic or paper bag inside your kitchen counter bin.



STEP 2

Wrap your food waste in newspaper or place it directly in your bin.



STEP 3

Tie the bag or fold down the newspaper and transfer the contents into your building's green bin.

Residential



STEP 1

Keep your green bin clean and dry by placing a few sheets of newspaper or paper towels at the bottom.



STEP 2

Add a compostable plastic or paper bag inside your green bin.



STEP 3

Wrap your food waste in newspaper or place it directly in your green bin.

To line your bin, use:

- Absorbent paper or paper bags
- Newspaper, leaflets or cardboard boxes
- Paper food waste bags
- Certified 100% compostable plastic bags with at least one of the following certification logos:



accepted materials



Raw, cooked or rotten residues:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat and poultry, including bones, skin and entrails
- Fish and seafood, including bones and shells
- Solid dairy products and eggs, including the shells
- Pasta, bread, rice and cereals
- Cakes, biscuits, candies and sweets
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- Nuts and shells
- Animal food

Other materials:

- Soiled paper and cardboard (pizza boxes, cardboard plates, paper towels, napkins, etc.)
- Hair, feathers and fur
- Indoor plants and cuttings
(Please note: garden waste is collected separately by the City)

refused materials



- Recyclable and non-organic materials
- Liquids (soup, milk, juice, coffee, oils, fats, etc.)
- Hazardous household products
- Plastic, aluminium, styrofoam or waxed packaging
- Elastics and identification stickers
- Wood, ashes and corks
- Chewing gum and cigarette butts
- Disposable clothing, fabric softeners and cleaning products
- Diapers, sanitary products, cotton stems and make-up remover wipes
- Dead animals, litter and excrement
- Vacuum cleaner bags and their contents
- Oxo-biodegradable or biodegradable bags
- Garden waste (collected separately by the City), soil, stones and sand
- Certified compostable plastic dishes and containers

tips and tricks



Slow down the decomposition

of the food waste by keeping it frozen or refrigerated until the day and keep your bin in the shade during summer



Avoid odours

by placing sheets of newspaper or pieces of cardboard at the bottom of your bin to absorb moisture



Keep insects and vermin away

with salt, vinegar, baking soda or mentholated ointment



Empty your bin every week

by placing it out for collection, no matter the amount collected

maintenance



Wash your bin with water and a mild detergent



Sprinkle baking soda in your bin



Kitchen counter bins can be put in the dishwasher



CARTE DES SECTEURS DE COLLECTES MAP OF COLLECTION SECTORS



ORDURES MÉNAGÈRES HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

MULTI-HOUSINGS DE 30 UNITÉS ET PLUS MULTI-HOUSINGS OF 30 UNITS OR MORE

Lundi | Monday 2, 5, 7
Mardi | Tuesday 1, 3, 4, 6

TOUS LES BÂTIMENTS ALL BUILDINGS

Jeudi | Thursday 2, 5, 7
Vendredi | Friday 1, 3, 4, 6



RÉCYCLAGE RECYCLING

Mercredi | Wednesday Tous | All



RÉSIDUS ALIMENTAIRES FOOD WASTE

Lundi | Monday 2, 5, 7
Mardi | Tuesday 1, 3, 4, 6



RÉSIDUS DE JARDIN GARDEN WASTE

Lundi | Monday 1, 2
Mardi | Tuesday 3
Mercredi | Wednesday 4, 5, 6
Jeudi | Thursday 7



bordure de rue ou de ruelle accessible avant 7 h
place curbside or along accessible lanes before 7 a.m.

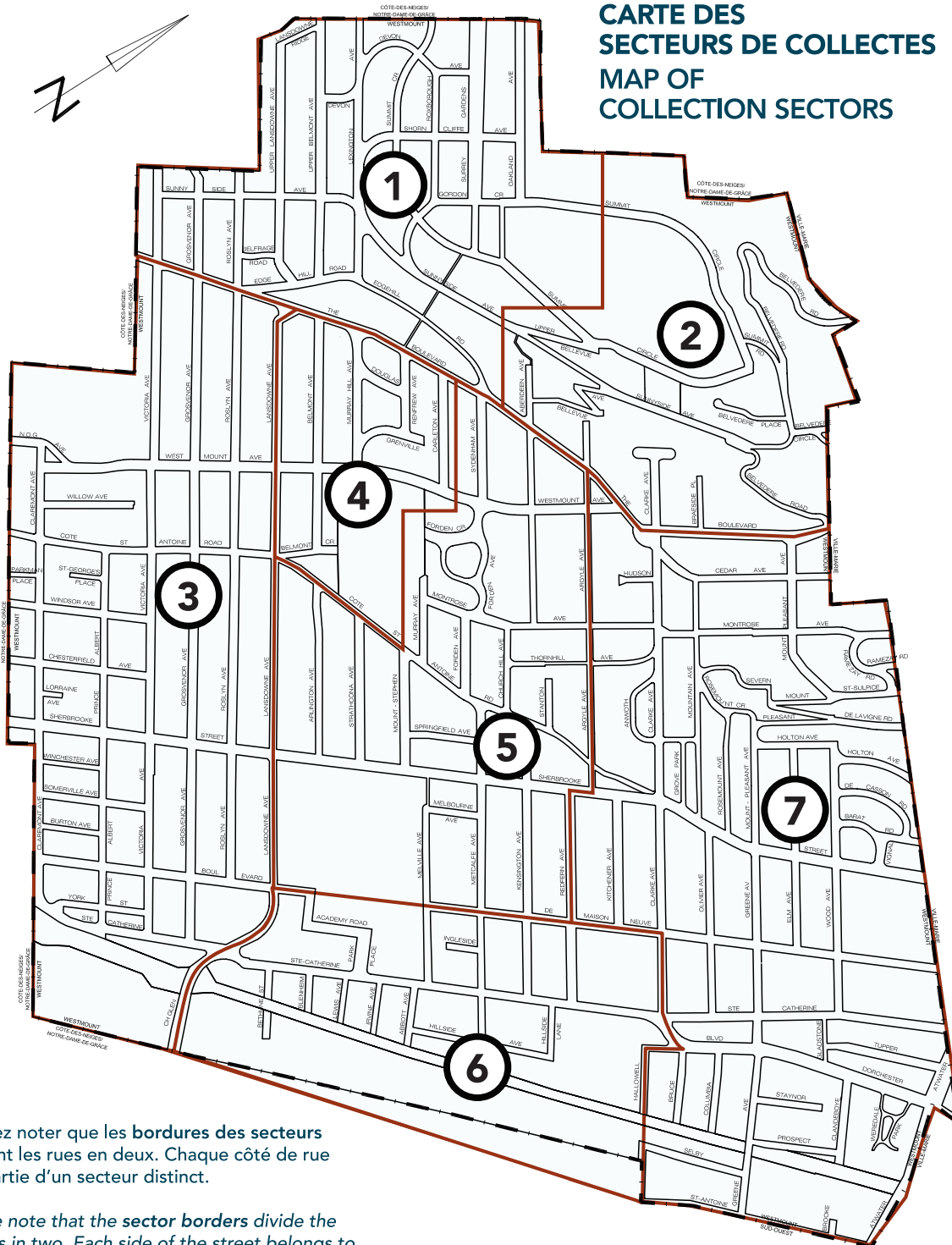
ARRÊTEZ LES DÉPÔTS ILLÉGAUX! STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING!

Il est **strictement interdit** à quiconque de se débarrasser de déchets privés, tels que :

- Ordures, recyclage, résidus alimentaires
- Résidus verts
- Débris de constructions et déchets dangereux dans les **poubelles** ou sur les **espaces publics**.

It is **strictly prohibited** for anyone to dispose of private waste such as:

- Garbage, recycling and food waste
- Green waste
- Construction debris and hazardous waste in **public bins** and within **public spaces**.



Veillez noter que les bordures des secteurs divisent les rues en deux. Chaque côté de rue fait partie d'un secteur distinct.

Please note that the sector borders divide the streets in two. Each side of the street belongs to a distinct sector.