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 westmount.org/greenbin

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**

- 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
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.

ORDURES MÉNAGÈRES
HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

MULTILOGEMENTS DE 30 UNITÉS ET PLUS
MULTI-HOUSING OF 30 UNITS OR MORE
Lundi l Monday 2, 5, 7
Mardi l Tuesday 1, 3, 4, 6

TOUS LES BÂTIMENTS
ALL BUILDINGS
Jeudi l Thursday 2, 5, 7
Vendredi l Friday 1, 3, 4, 6

RECYCLAGE
RECYCLING
Mercredi l Wednesday Tous l All

RÉSIDUS ALIMENTAIRES
FOOD WASTE
Lundi l Monday 2, 5, 7
Mardi l Tuesday 1, 3, 4, 6

RÉSIDUS DE JARDIN
GARDEN WASTE
Lundi l Monday 1, 2
Mardi l Tuesday 3
Mercredi l Wednesday 4, 5, 6
Jeudi l Thursday 7

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

CARTE DES SECTEURS DE COLLECTES
MAP OF COLLECTION SECTORS

Veuillez 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.