GREEN CART: WHAT BELONGS

FOOD SCRAPS

- **Fruit & Vegetables**
  Peels, pits, cores and spoiled produce
- **Meal scraps**
  Meat, poultry, fish, bones, rice, pasta, beans and bread
- **Kitchen scraps**
  Eggshells, coffee grounds and solid dairy

FOOD-SOILED PAPER

- **Uncoated paper**
  Napkins, paper towels, plates, trays and coffee fillers
- **Food-stained paper**
  Greasy paper and food-soiled portions of pizza boxes

YARD & GARDEN

- **Plant material**
  Grass, leaves, weeds, flowers and garden waste
- **Prunings**
  Small branches, twigs and tree or shrub trimmings

CART LIMITS

Items: maximum 4 feet long
Loaded cart: maxumum 150 pounds
Keep the lid fully closed

KEEP THE GREEN CART CLEAN

DO NOT PLACE IN GREEN CART

- X Plastic or compostable bags
- X Compostable plastic cups or utensils
- X Pet waste or diapers
- X Glass, metal, foil or Styrofoam
- X Treated wood, dirt, rocks or concrete
- X Liquids, Cooking oil or grease
- X Hazardous, medical or electronic waste

NO COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC

Turlock's Program does not accept it.

EASY KITCHEN COLLECTION

1. Collect scraps in a reusable kitchen pail.
2. Empty scraps directly into the green cart.
3. Use a paper bag if needed-never plastic.
4. Freeze odorous scraps until collection day.
5. Layer food below leaves or yard material.

A contaminated cart may be left uncollected or assessed a fee.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING



Build a balanced pile

BROWNS	GREENS
Dry leaves	Fruit & vegetable scraps
Small twigs	Coffeee grounds
Died plants	Fresh clippings
Shredded paper	

BASIC METHOD

- **Mix**
  Use about 2-3 parts browns to 1 part greens
- **Moisten**
  Keep it damp like a wrung-out sponge-not soggy.
- **Aerate**
  Turn the pile regularly to provide oxygen.

KEEP OUT OF HOME COMPOST

Meat • Fish • Bones • Dairy • Oils
Pet Waste • Diseased Plants • Treated Wood

Meat, bones and dairy may go in Turlock's green cart-but not a typical backyard pile.

WHY ORGANICS RECYCLING MATTERS

Organic waste buried in landfills creates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Turlock's green-cart program turns food and yard material into useful resourses.

FROM KITCHEN TO GREEN CART

1. **Collect food scraps**
   Use a reusable kitchen pail or bowl.
2. **Empty loose scraps**
   Place them directly in the green cart.
3. **Keep plastic out**
   Paper bags are okay; plastic bags are not.
4. **Layer and close**
   Cover food with yard material and close the lid.

GREEN CART COLLECTION

- **Set it out by 5:00 a.m**
  Keep the lid closed and do not overfill.
- **Give the truck room**
  18 inches from the curb, 3 feet between carts and 6 feet from vehicles.

KEEP ORGANICS OUT OF GARBAGE

Use the green cart for accepted food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste.

CONTACT & RESOURCES

City of Turlock Municipal Services

156 S. Broadway, Suite 270
Turlock, CA 95380
209-668-5590
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Turlock Scavenger Company

1200 S. Walnut Road
209-668-7274 or 877-942-7224
tscinfo@turlockscavenger.com

GREEN CART QUICK TIPS

Freeze meat or fish scraps until collection day. Layer food beneath leaves or yard trimmings. Rinse kitchen pail after emptying it.

LEARN MORE

cityofturlock.org/garbageservices
turlockscavengercompany.com

When in doubt, check before placing an item in the green cart.

ORGANICS RECYCLING & COMPOSTING GUIDE

Keep food and yard waste out of landfills.



GREEN CART

Food Scraps • Food-Soiled Paper
Yard & Garden Waste

No plastic bags. No compostable plastic.