

## Residential Organics Acceptability List:

YES	NO
Baked goods	Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chiminea)
Bamboo foodservice items	Air filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.)
Berry cartons (paper only)	Animal waste, bedding, litter, or droppings (compost sites not allowed to accept)
Bones	
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Aluminum foil
Cereal	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Certified compostable bags (must be labeled BPI certified compostable)	Baby, cleaning, sanitizing, and flushable moist wipes
	"Biodegradable" labeled items (unless also BPI certified)
Certified compostable food-service items (must be labeled BPI certified compostable)	Band-Aids™, bandages and first-aid items
	Batteries
Cheese and cheesecloth	Candy and chip wrappers
Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine)
Paper coffee cups (must be labeled BPI certified compostable)	Cat litter of any kind
	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
Coffee grounds and paper filters (unless BPI certified compostable)	Charcoal (Charcoal that contains chemicals for quick or easy lighting is garbage. If you're unsure throw it away.)
Cork (natural only, plastic corks are garbage)	Cigarettes, cigars and butts
Corn cobs, husks and shuckings	Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with chemical cleaning products
Cotton balls (without chemicals on them)	
Dough	Clothing and textiles
Dust bunnies	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Egg cartons (paper only)	
Egg shells	Condoms and related products
Facial tissue	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)
Fish and fish parts	Cosmetics and perfumes
Food - ALL spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, fruits and vegetables including peelings and pits, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood, and fish including shells, meat including fat and bones, etc. (Remove from packaging)	Crayons and chalk
	Dead animals (compost sites not allowed to accept)
	Dental floss (likely contains plastic)
	Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets)
	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers)
Flour and sugar paper bags (not plastic lined)	Dirt or soil
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon, plastic and metal)	Dryer lint and dryer sheets (contain synthetic fibers)
Frozen foods	Dusting wipes (contain synthetic fibers)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds, and pits	Fast food wraps and boxes (unless BPI certified)
Grains	Feces (human and pet)
Gravy and sauces	Feminine sanitary or hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic)
Hair - human and pet	
Herbs and spices	Fertilizers or pesticides (solid and liquid)
Indoor plants and trimmings (no dirt)	Frozen or refrigerated food boxes
Jam and jelly	Gauze and bandages

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Meat and meat products (including fat and bones)	Glass
Melon, pumpkin and gourds	Grease (small amounts wiped in paper towel are ok)
Nail clippings (no polish)	Gum (may contain plastic)
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt	Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic)
Nuts and nut shells	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Oatmeal	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Oysters, mussels, clams (shells and all)	Litter and street sweepings
Paper bags (flour, sugar, cornmeal, etc. that are not plastic lined)	Markers, pens and pencils
Paper take-out containers and fast food packaging (must be BPI certified compostable)	Metal
Paper plates and cups (must be labeled BPI certified compostable)	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA)
Paper towels and napkins (no chemical cleaners)	Packaged food
Pastries and pies	Packing peanuts (foam, "degradable", water soluble [unless BPI certified compostable])
Pet Food (dry or wet removed from bag or can)	Paper than can be recycled
Pizza boxes from delivery	Parchment and wax paper (unless BPI certified compostable)
PLA plastic (only if labeled certified compostable)	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
Popcorn and popcorn kernels	Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Popsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only)	Photos and slides
Q-tips™ with paper stems only (no plastic)	Plastic (all non-certified compostable, including bags and wrap)
Sawdust (untreated wood only) (double bag)	Plastic lined paper (ex: Asian take-out containers, ice cream tubs, coffee cups - unless BPI certified compostable)
Spices (fresh or dried)	Products labeled as "biodegradable", made from plants, etc.
Soup (strain liquids down drain)	Q-tips™ with plastic stem
Tea bags (not nylon) (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining) (remove staples)	Rocks and gravel
Contamination is not able to be pulled out before the composting process. It's very important to make sure only the right items are put in organics recycling carts.	Rubber and rubber bands
	Snack and sandwich bags (unless BPI certified compostable)
	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
	Star Tribune "oxo-degradable" bags
<p><b>How to tell if an item is certified compostable:</b></p> <p>Look for the BPI logo to tell if the product if it is certified compostable.</p> <p>You can also check online at <a href="http://www.BPIworld.org">www.BPIworld.org</a></p> <p>If you have any questions if an item is compostable, throw it in the garbage.</p>	Styrofoam™ (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
	Tape of any kind (masking, painters, duct, electrical, scotch)
	Tissues and tissue paper
	Toys
	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
	Vacuum cleaner bags (contain synthetic fibers)
	Wax (wax paper [unless BPI certified compostable], candle wax, car wax, etc.)
	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
	Wood scraps
	Wrapping Paper (recycle paper without glitter or foil)
	Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, and garden trimmings)

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