

How can you tell if a plastic bag is compostable?
Look for the BPI logo.



COMPOSTABLE

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Only plastic bags with this logo are accepted.

Yes! These items belong in the bin.

Food waste must be bagged in a biodegradable bag (i.e. paper or compostable plastic.)
Remove all stickers, wrappings, twist ties, and other non-biodegradable items.

Fruit and Vegetable Scraps

- Cooked and raw
- Scraps or whole fruit
- Seeds and stems are OK



Bread and Grains

- Bread, including spoiled
- Rolls
- Cakes and sweet breads
- Pasta, cooked or raw
- Rice
- Grains

Eggs, Protein, and Dairy

- Eggs—cooked and raw
- Egg shells
- Cooked meat—NOT RAW
- Cooked seafood—NOT RAW
- Bones
- Cheese
- Nuts and Seeds



Other Food Materials

- Leftovers
- Spoiled Food
- Sauces are OK

Beverages

- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea leaves and bags



Yard Waste

- Grass clippings
- Garden trimmings
- Weeds
- Diseased plants

No! These items do NOT belong in the bin.

Dangerous Waste

- Diapers
- Animal carcasses
- Animal waste
- Cat litter
- Medical Waste
- Hazardous Waste

Packaging

- Plastic bags
- Twist ties
- Fruit stickers
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic wrap

Non-Biodegradable Items

- Recyclables
- Ceramics
- Clothing
- Plastic bags
- Plastic containers
- Rocks

Other Food Waste

- Raw Meat
- Fats, Oil, and Grease
- Liquids

Questions?

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