

Recycle More! It's Easy to Do!

More than half of what ends up in our landfill can be easily recycled. To save valuable resources from going to waste **and** to save money on your garbage bill by shrinking your garbage cart size, take the [One Less Bag Challenge](#).

Your children recycle at school and it's easier than you think to recycle more – including food scraps and food soiled paper -- at home.

King County residents outside the city of Seattle may take the [One Less Bag Challenge](#) and receive **FREE** recycling tools (10 compostable bags to get you started with food scrap recycling, a spatula to help with the hard-to-clean containers such as peanut butter jars, and a recycling do's and don'ts booklet with a refrigerator magnet). For more information, visit <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/one-less-bag.asp>.

If you live in a house and have yard waste service, you can recycle all your food scraps and food-soiled paper **in your yard waste cart**. Here's how:

Step #1: Find the best kitchen food scrap container for you. Here are options.

- A paper bag. Recycle the bag along with the food scraps.
- A reusable plastic container with a lid. Empty the contents into your yard waste cart and then reuse the container.
- Ceramic, bamboo or stainless steel food scrap collection containers.
- Approved [kitchen compostable bags](#) (visit the website to find out where to purchase compostable bags) make collection free of mess and odor.

Step #2: Collect food scraps and soiled paper

- Gather scraps such as meat, fish, bones, vegetable and fruit trimmings, bread, pasta and coffee grounds.
- Plastic and plastic- or wax-coated paper, such as milk cartons, are NOT allowed, but paper plates such as Chinet-brand are compostable.
 - If you're concerned about odors or fruit flies, place your food scraps in compostable bags, a closed paper bag or store in the freezer until collection day.

Step #3: Add them to your yard waste cart

- When your kitchen container fills up, dump the contents into your yard waste cart.
- No yard waste service? Contact your waste hauler to subscribe.

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