

# ALLOWED ITEMS

## FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Ex: banana peels, carrot tops, corn husks, cherry pits, tomato vines, & spoiled veggies.



## ORGANIC YARD WASTE

Ex: grass clippings, dandelion weeds, leaves, branches, woodchips, & untreated wood.



## COMPOSTABLE & FOOD CONTAMINATED FIBRES

Ex: coffee filters, loose tea & tea bags, food-contaminated paper napkins & bags.



## BREADS, GRAINS & PASTAS

Ex: bread, pizza, popcorn, grains, pasta, & cereals.



## PROTEINS & BONES

Ex: egg shells, fish, bones, & raw or processed meat.



## SOLIDIFIED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Ex: yogurt, sour cream, cheese, & solid butter.



# NOT-ALLOWED ITEMS

## ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS

## GLASS & METALS

Ex: glass jars, bottles or dishes, silverware, aluminum, & tin.



## OILS & LIQUIDS

Ex: cooking oil, milk, coffee creamer, soup, & syrup.



## HYGIENE PRODUCTS & ANIMAL WASTE

Ex: human and pet waste/feces, hair, dryer lint, animal carcasses, & elm trees.



## BIODEGRADABLE & COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS

Ex: plastic coffee pods, plastic cutlery, plastic cups, & lids.



## FOOD PACKAGING & PLASTIC WRAP

Ex: plastic or glass containers, bags, waxed cardboard, & Styrofoam.



## LABELS, STICKERS, PRODUCT ADD-ONS

Ex: burlap, stickers, netting, absorbent meat tray pad, & elastic bands.



## Know before you throw !

Please don't put items labelled biodegradable or compostable in your cart. Our system is designed using standards from the Cedar Grove facility in Washington. The reality is any company can make claims about their products without proper testing or labelling standards. If you are unsure if your product will compost in our system, a rule of thumb is, "Know before you throw." Please use the picture guide, give us a call, or look it up yourself on the Cedar Grove website at: [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com)



*Organics recycling is important because when these materials break down at a landfill they create greenhouse gas emissions (GHG); leading to global warming. By composting we not only save space and decrease waste going to the landfill while lowering GHG emissions!*

## Will all the contents of my cart/cube be composted?

Yes. However, loads will be landfilled if your cart or cube contains a significant amount of contaminants or unacceptable items. Please follow the picture guide above to ensure your materials will be turned into supreme compost.

## How does the organics program differ from backyard composting?

Our commercial composting facility maintains higher temperatures than backyard composting bins. High temperatures are required to kill bacteria and break down difficult organic items including dairy, grains, and proteins that cannot be composted in backyard systems.

## What will happen to my organic waste?

Loraas will collect, haul, and then process your organic waste. Our end goal is to divert this material away from the landfill and turn it into a usable form. Your organic waste will be turned into high-grade compost that naturally enhances and adds beneficial nutrients back into the soil.