How to Sort Food Waste

Step 1: Set Up Internal Containers

Designate indoor containers to collect food waste in areas where food is prepared, served, or discarded (i.e., kitchens, break rooms, dishwashing stations, self-service dining rooms, etc.).

Step 2: Educate Staff & Tenants

Train staff and tenants to separate food waste. Place education near collection containers.

Step 3: Recycle Food Waste

Empty food waste in the mixed organics or food waste-only container.*

*Clear plastic and compostable bags can be used in food waste only programs. For mixed organics programs, food waste should be loose or unbagged. Paper bags are also OK.





Acceptable Items







Fruits and Vegetables

Cooked Meat and Bones

Cheese and Dairy







Food-Soiled Paper

Unacceptable Items







Single-Use **Plastics**

Recyclables

Hazardous Waste







Trash and Pet Waste

Mixed Organics

Acceptable Items







Food-Soiled





Grass and Weeds

Garden Trimmings and Plants

Cooked Meat and Bones

Paper



and Pasta

Small Branches

Leaves

Fruits and

Vegetables

Bread, Grains

Cheese and Dairy

Unacceptable Items









Fats, Oils and Grease

Trash and Pet Waste

Single-Use Plastics

Recyclables

Hazardous Waste