

## Kitchen pail tips

- Empty food scraps into the yard debris roll cart often.
- Line kitchen pail with a Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable liner bag.
- Wrap food items, like meat and fish, in newspaper and store in the freezer until collection day.
- Wash kitchen pail in the dishwasher or by hand.



## Roll cart tips

- Keep lid closed.
- Store the cart in the shade during warm weather.
- Line bottom of cart with newspaper or a paper bag to help absorb moisture.
- Layer food scraps in between the yard debris.
- Sprinkle baking soda in the roll cart to reduce odors and deter insects.
- Use soap and water to clean the roll cart after it is emptied.



**Nearly 30 percent** of residential garbage produced in our region is organic material that can be composted.

Composting food scraps creates a nutrient-rich soil enhancement and prevents carbon emissions that occur when food breaks down in the landfill.

*Look inside for 3 simple steps to help you succeed in collecting food scraps.*

### Learn more

[Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Garbage](http://Hillsboro-Oregon.gov/Garbage)

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## Include the Food with Yard Debris



Starting February 2020

Your guide to successful  
curbside food composting



# Three easy steps



**1** **Place**  
kitchen pail in a  
convenient place.



**2** **Include**  
all food scraps in  
the kitchen pail.



**3** **Empty**  
your kitchen pail into  
your yard debris cart.



# Leave it OUT

- Cat litter/Pet waste
- Coffee cups
- “Compostable” or “biodegradable” bags that are not BPI-certified
- “Compostable” or “biodegradable” takeout containers and utensils
- Corks
- Diapers
- Facial tissue
- Fast-food wrappers
- Glass
- Large amounts of grease or oil
- Liquids
- Metal
- Packaging
- Paper plates, cups and cartons
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Takeout containers
- Wax paper

## What CAN be Included



Meat  
Poultry  
Fish and shellfish  
Bones  
Eggs and eggshells  
Cheese and dairy products  
Bread and baked goods  
Pasta  
Rice and other grains  
Beans, nuts and seeds  
Vegetables  
Fruits  
Fruit peels & cores

Table scraps  
Plate scrapings  
Spoiled food  
Coffee grounds  
Coffee filters  
Tea bags  
Food-soiled Paper  
Grass clippings  
Leaves  
Plants  
Pruned branches  
Weeds