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Residential Organics Acceptability List (continued):	
YES	NO
Hair - human and pet	Gum (contains plastic)
Herbs and Spices	Ice cream tubs (paper or plastic)
Indoor plants and trimmings (no dirt)	Incontinence products
Jam and jelly	Laminated paper
Masking tape - paper type, small amounts with no paint	Latex (balloons and gloves)
(not plastic type)	Leaves*
Meat and meat products (including fat and bones)	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Melon, pumpkin and gourds	Litter and street sweepings
Nail clippings	Markers and pens
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt	Metal
Noodles	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA)
Nuts and nut shells	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Oatmeal	Paper than can be recycled
Oysters, mussels clams (shells and all)	Parchment and wax paper (unless BPI certified)
Paper bags (flour, sugar, cornmeal that are not plastic	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
lined)	Pesticides (solid and liquids)
Paper take-out containers and fast food packaging (not	Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined)
plastic lined or if lined they must be labeled BPI or	Pet waste and waste handling items
Cedar Grove certified compostable) (Chinese food	Photos and slides
containers are garbage.)	Plastic (all non-certified compostable, including bags and wrap)
Paper plates and cups (unlined or if lined they must	Popcorn bags that go in the microwave (plastic and BPA lined)
labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Plastic lined paper (ex: Chinese food containers, ice cream tubs,
Paper towels and napkins	coffee cups - unless is BPI certified)
Pastries and pies	Products labeled as "biodegradable", earth friendly, etc.
Pencils and pencil shavings (no metal, foil or erasers)	Q-tips™ with plastic middle
Pizza boxes	Remodeling debris
PLA plastic (only if labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified	Rocks and gravel
compostable)	Rubber and rubber bands
Popcorn kernels	Snack and sandwich bags (unless BPI certified compostable)
Popsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only)	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
Q-tips™ (paper middle only)	Soil and dirt
Sawdust (untreated wood only) (double bag)	Star Tribune "oxo-degradable" bags
Shredded Paper (no staples, paper clips, plastic)	Styrofoam™ (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
Spices (fresh or dried)	Synthetic clothing
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Tape (transparent, Scotch™, electrical, duct, packing, etc.)
Tea bags (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no	Toys
plastic or foil lining) (remove staples)	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
Tissues and tissue paper	Vacuum cleaner bags
Look for one of these logos	Wax (wax paper [unless BPI certified], candle wax, car wax, etc.)
to verify if a product is	Wicker (furniture or wicker scraps)
certified compostable BPI Compostable	Wood scraps
or visit: <u>www.BPIworld.org</u>	Wrapping Paper (recycle paper without glitter or foil)
Note: Items marked with a * may be placed out for yard wa	ste collection and are great to compost in a backyard compost bin.

