

Residential Organics Acceptability List:

YES	NO
Baked goods	Ashes (fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, chiminea)
Bamboo foodservice items	Air Filters (furnace, humidifier, etc.)
Berry cartons (paper only)	Animal food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Bones	Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Aluminum foil
Cellulose sponges	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Cereal	Baby, personal and flushable moist wipes
Certified compostable bags (must be labeled BPI Certified Compostable)	"Biodegradable" labeled items
Certified compostable food-service items (must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Band-Aids™, bandages and first-aid items
Cheese and cheesecloth	Batteries
Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)	Candles and candle wax
Coffee cups (paper - only when marked certified compostable) (convenience store, Starbucks, Caribou Cups, etc. go in the garbage)	Candy and chip wrappers
Coffee grounds and paper filters (K-cups or other coffee pods are garbage. You may empty the coffee grounds from the pods into the organics.)	Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine)
Condiment packets (paper only including: salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitute, etc.)	Cat litter
Cork (natural only, plastic corks are garbage)	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
Corn cobs, husks and shuckings	Charcoal (Charcoal that contains chemicals for quick or easy lighting is garbage. If you're unsure throw it away.)
Cotton balls (without chemicals on them)	Cigarettes, cigars and butts
100% cotton or wool clothing that cannot be repaired or donated (cut into 4" x 4" pieces)	Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with cleaning products
Dough	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Dust bunnies	Condoms and related products
Egg cartons (paper only)	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)
Egg shells	Containers (plastic, glass, metal, cartons)
Facial tissue	Cosmetics and perfumes
Fish and fish parts	Crayons and chalk
Food - ALL spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, frozen dairy, all fruits and vegetables including peelings and pits, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	Dead animals
Flour and sugar paper bags (not plastic lined)	Dental floss (contains plastic)
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon and plastic)	Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets)
Frozen foods	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits	Dryer lint (contains synthetic fibers)
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	Dusting wipes (contains synthetic fibers)
Grains	Fast food wraps (lining is plastic)
Gravy and sauces	Feces (human and pet)
	Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic)
	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
	Garden trimmings and waste*
	Gauze and bandages
	Gift Wrap (recycle gift wrap without glitter or foil)
	Glass
	Grass clippings*

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

Note: Items marked with a * may be placed out for yard waste collection and are great to compost in a backyard compost bin.



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