

Winter Green Cart Tips

Don't get STUCK with compostables freezing to your cart

During winter, the contents of your Green Cart may freeze to the sides or bottom of the cart. Drivers performing the collection attempt to dump the entire contents of your Green Cart, however, if your compostables get stuck inside your cart, please be patient and wait until the next collection day.

Use these tips to avoid compostables freezing to your cart:

- Don't force the contents of the cart down.
- Wrap food with high moisture content in soiled boxes or newspaper.
- Strain excess liquid from soups and sauces with a strainer and only place the solid pieces in the cart.
- Try adding crumpled newspaper or cardboard to the bottom of your cart.
- Layer wet compostables (food waste, leaves) with dry compostables (newspaper, soiled pizza boxes). Layering is even more important during the time of year when temperatures fluctuate frequently.
- You can store well-wrapped compostable waste in your freezer and then place it in your cart on collection day.



Winter Green Cart placement

Winter conditions can present challenges for Green Cart placement and collection. Here are a few tips to help make this first winter with your Green Cart a success:

- Always have your cart out by 7 a.m. as weather conditions, truck maintenance, and other unforeseen events can lead to route changes.
- When there is snow on the ground, pulling your cart will likely be easier than pushing it.
- Get to know your neighbours. If they need assistance getting their cart to the curb or creating a snow-free collection spot, offer your assistance.
- Ensure snow is cleared onto your lawn or boulevard, and that cart placement will not interfere with snow plows or other vehicles.
- Carts placed behind or on top of snow banks will not be collected. Place your carts at the curb/alley in an area free of snow accumulation such as the flat area at the end of your driveway.
- Placing your cart in a sunny location can also help prevent materials from freezing to the cart sides.