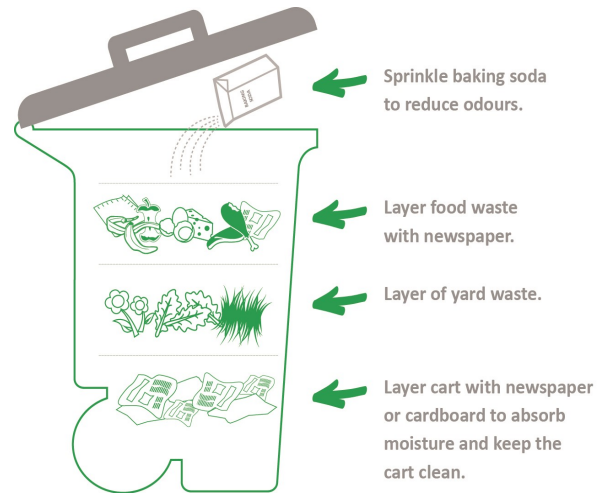


GREEN CART TIPS

GENERAL CLEANLINESS AND BEST PRACTICES

You are responsible for taking care of your cart and keeping it clean from odours, dirt and pests. Here are some suggestions:

- Rinse your Kitchen Catcher with hot water or place inside your dishwasher.
- Rinse your cart with a hose and pour the dirty water onto grass/gravel, not down the storm drain.
- There is no requirement to line your Green Cart, but you may want to line it to help keep it clean. Options include newspaper, paper bags/liners, or other paper products.
- **Please do not use plastic bags/liners, including those marked compostable.**



KITCHEN CATCHER

Use a container in the kitchen to make it easy to separate your compostable waste indoors, and reduce the number of trips you have to make to your Green Cart.

You may re-use a container such as an ice cream pail or coffee tin for this purpose, or purchase a Kitchen Catcher through a local retailer that sells household supplies. Please do not place your Kitchen Catcher at the curb. **Remember, plastic bags are not accepted, even biodegradable or compostable plastic.**

- 1 Line your Kitchen Catcher with old newspaper or brown paper bags to make cleaning easier.
- 2 Scrape kitchen leftovers directly into your Kitchen Catcher.
- 3 Empty your Kitchen Catcher into your Green Cart.
- 4 Take your Green Cart to the curbside for collection.



PREVENT ODOURS

- Set your Green Cart out for collection every week, even if it is not full.
- Keep the lid of the Kitchen Catcher and Green Cart closed.
- Empty your Kitchen Catcher into your Green Cart frequently.
- Wrap food waste in newspaper, paper bags, paper towel or cereal boxes.
- Freeze meat scraps in a paper bag or newspaper until collection day. Sprinkle a small amount of baking soda in your Kitchen Catcher and Green Cart.
- Store your Green Cart in your garage or another shady spot during warm weather.

PREVENT INSECTS

Fruit Flies—can be captured in a bowl with apple cider vinegar: cover the bowl with plastic wrap and poke several small holes in the plastic.

Maggots—are the lava stage of the fly. Flies are attracted to food scraps and will lay eggs on this material, which will hatch into maggots. **Use paper bags/newspaper to wrap your scraps** to prevent flies from getting into contact with your food waste. Should you have maggots in your Green Cart, **eradicate them by sprinkling salt, white vinegar, garden lime or diatomaceous earth on top of them.**



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PREVENT STICKING OF YARD WASTE

If grass clippings are sticking to your cart, consider putting them in a paper yard waste bag first and then roll up the bag, or lining your cart with newspaper. If there's room, put the paper yard waste bag inside the Green Cart.

You may also put up to 10 bags or bundles of yard waste out for collection with your Green Cart at no extra cost.

Layer wet (kitchen scraps or your grass clippings) and dry materials (dry leaves and branches) in our cart to reduce the chances of materials becoming stuck.

If material is getting stuck inside the cart, use a shovel or other implement to loosen it before collection.

GREEN CART WEIGHT LIMITS



Cart Size	Weight Limit
80L	50kg / 110lbs
120L	54kg / 120lbs
240L	100kg / 220lbs
360L	150kg / 330lbs
Paper Yard Waste Bags	15kg / 33lbs

AVOID STUCK COMPOSTABLES

During winter, the contents of your Green Cart may freeze to the sides or bottom of the cart. Drivers performing the collection will attempt to dump the entire contents of your Green Cart, however, they do not loosen contents for safety reasons and to prevent breakage of carts. 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 moist or wet food scraps 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, wet 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 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.
- **Remove any snow and ice off the lids** of your containers before placing at the curb **to prevent lids from being frozen shut.**



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