

## MATERIALS ACCEPTED

### Raw, cooked or tainted foods

- Fruits and vegetables
- Nuts and shells
- Pasta, bread, cereal, rice
- Cookies, sweets, desserts
- Meat and poultry, bones
- Eggs and eggshells
- Fish and bones, seafood and shells
- Coffee and filters, tea and tea bags
- Pet food
- Spices, herbs

### Soiled paper and cardboard

- Tissues, paper towels and napkins
- Paper tablecloths and dishes
- Soiled food packaging
- Pizza boxes

## MATERIALS REFUSED

### Recyclable materials

- Metal, plastic, paper, cardboard

### Construction and renovation materials

- Paint and hazardous household waste
- Polystyrene and plastic wrapping
- Earth, rocks, sand
- Glass, crystal, porcelain, ceramics
- Non-vegetable oils and fat

### Liquids (soup, milk, juice, coffee, etc.)

- Diapers and hygiene products
- Fabric, wood, cork, wax, hot ashes, cigarette butts
- Chewing gum
- Animal hair and excrement, litter
- Batteries, biomedical waste

### Green waste

- Dead leaves, grass clippings, wood chips
- Garden and vegetable garden waste, plants
- Deciduous tree waste and conifer

## INFORMATION

For details on all collection schedules in your sector, please consult the Info-collectes online service at [ville.montreal.qc.ca/info-collectes](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/info-collectes) or dial 311.



# COMPOSTING FOR A GREENER CITY



## FOOD WASTE COLLECTION IS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Ville de Montréal will begin offering food waste collection services to all Montréal residential buildings with eight or fewer units between now and 2019. Close to 200,000 homes already have access to this new service, and nearly 150,000 additional homes will begin to benefit this year, including yours! Doing your part to collect food waste is not only easy, but it takes very little time and represents a concrete gesture in favour of our environment.

### Get familiar with your bins

#### THE COUNTERTOP BIN

Use it to collect food waste generated during meal preparation as well as table scraps.

The countertop bin can easily be stored under the sink, in the refrigerator or the freezer.

**Maintenance:** Wash the countertop bin by hand on a regular basis and don't forget to affix the checklist sticker to it. Lining the bin

with a compostable paper or plastic bag is not mandatory, but it does make it easier to maintain your bin. If you do not wish to purchase bags, you can line the bin with newspaper.



#### THE BROWN BIN

The brown bin is used to collect the food waste from your countertop bin in anticipation of the weekly collection. It is placed outside the home, in accordance with collection procedures in your borough. Don't forget to mark your address on it.

**Maintenance:** Rinse the brown bin using a pail of water with soft (biodegradable) detergent or white vinegar.



#### BAGS

Compostable paper and plastic bags are offered for the initial collections. Once supplies run out, these bags are available for purchase in a number of local stores. You can also call 311 to find out where they can be purchased.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Keep the countertop bin in your kitchen. Line the bin with a compostable paper or plastic bag, and place your food waste inside the bag.

When the bag inside your countertop bin is full, transfer it to the brown bin.

On food waste collection day, place the brown bin in front of your home and make sure it is latched to prevent small animals from getting inside.

#### IT'S POSSIBLE TO SHARE THE BROWN BIN!

If you do not generate enough food waste, you can share your brown bin with a neighbour. A single bin can also be shared by the occupants of several residential units.

## TRICKS AND TIPS FOR AVOIDING SMELLS

- Line the bottom of the countertop bin and the brown bin with newspaper in order to absorb residual liquids;
- Wrap foods likely to smell (meat and fish) in newspaper in small quantities, and regularly clean your countertop bin using soap;
- Sprinkle a small amount of baking soda or place a wood charcoal briquette inside your countertop bin or brown bin;
- Freeze your food waste or keep it in a cool location before transferring it to the brown bin on collection day;
- While it is not mandatory, the compostable paper or plastic bag is recommended for purposes of cleanliness. If you prefer not to purchase bags for your countertop bin, you can line the bin with newspaper. Avoid placing liquids inside the bin at all times.
- If odours persist, rinse your brown bin with a water and vinegar solution. Avoid leaving it in the sun at all times.
- Place the brown bin in front of your home for the weekly collection, even if it is not full.

**KEEP THE  
COUNTERTOP  
BIN AND THE  
BROWN BIN  
PROPERLY CLOSED  
AT ALL TIMES**

To prevent a fruit fly infestation inside your countertop bin, cut a piece of cork along the length and place it on the cover.

To keep squirrels away from your brown bin, rub the bin cover with cough ointment (available over the counter in pharmacies and supermarkets).

