

THE GREEN BIN



ALLOW US TO REINTRODUCE YOU.

Thanks to you, Toronto's Green Bin, the first program of its size anywhere, has become one of the most successful waste diversion programs in North America.

Since 2002, when the Green Bin was first introduced to households, your enthusiastic participation has boosted the city's overall diversion rate from 27% in 2001 – the pre-Green Bin era – to 44% in 2008. Putting your food scraps and all those other compostable items we accept in the Green Bin is a major contributor to reaching 70% diversion, saving valuable landfill space.

What's more, thousands of Torontonians count on the high quality compost derived

in part from the Green Bin and our leaf and yard waste collection programs.

It's okay to line either your Green Bin and indoor containers (not both) with a plastic bag to keep them cleaner and easier to transfer the contents from one to the other. Any plastic that goes into the system, including plastic from diapers, is removed and is included in our statistics as garbage, not as diversion.

By now, you probably know what goes in the Green Bin, but in case you're wondering about a few questionable items, check out the "NO" list.

What CANNOT go in

- Coffee cups and lids
- Foil, wax paper
- Cotton balls, make-up removal pads, dental floss
- Baby wipes
- Disposable mop sheets, dryer lint, dryer sheets
- Vacuum cleaner bags and contents
- Fireplace or BBQ ashes
- Hair, pet fur, dead animals, feathers
- Leather, textiles, clothing, carpets
- Cigarette butts
- Wine bottle corks
- Gum
- Wood scraps

For more information about all our waste diversion programs, visit www.toronto.ca/recycle and don't forget to feed your Blue Bin with all your recyclables. Thanks for reducing, reusing and recycling.