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**Effective next year Metro Vancouver is going GREEN and making it mandatory to compost organic material**

**To ensure full compliance of these new and mandatory regulations, your location will be participating in this program effective IMMEDIATELY**

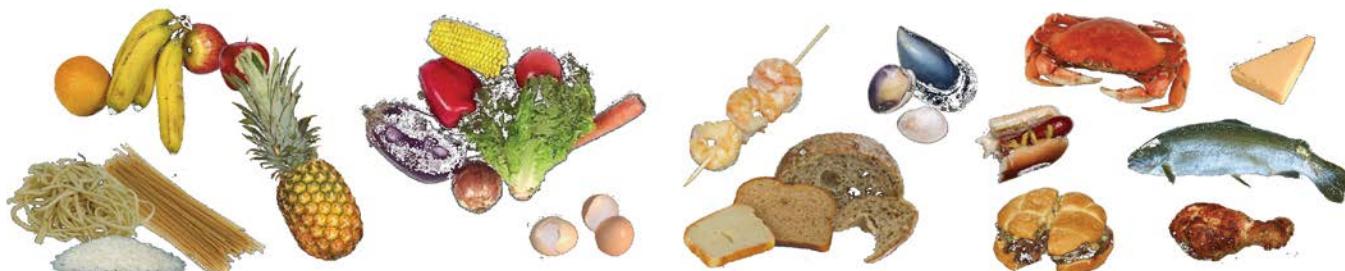


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One third of the garbage in our landfills is organic material (food and yard waste). That material can be composted and put to use by our local farmers. Recycling food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste is now mandatory and easy to do – here is a listing of acceptable items:

### Food

Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains



### Food-Soiled Paper and Approved Compostable Packaging

Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, waxed cardboard, soiled paper bags, kitchen paper towels, paper napkins, uncoated take out containers and paper plates, approved compostable containers and tableware, shredded paper (Absolutely no plastic)



### Plants and Flowers

Plants and flowers, landscape vegetation, holiday trees, untreated wood scraps, pallets, crates



## Some Compost Bin Tips:

- 1) Line the bottom of your in-home collection container with newsprint or cardboard before you start using it. This will help absorb liquid, prevent food from sticking to the bottom and reduce odours
- 2) Empty your bin every few days — even if it is not full
- 3) Rinse your bin periodically — use mild detergent or a vinegar/water solution and then add a sprinkle of baking soda or laundry detergent
- 4) Wrap peelings in newsprint or a paper towel before putting in the bin — to keep it cleaner
- 5) You can purchase compost bin liners and bags that will decompose. *Please* do NOT use bio-degradable or plastic shopping bags — they take up to 1000 years to decompose!

Once in the refuse room, you can place your organic material in one of the green toters. Waste Management will then pick up this material and dispose of it at a local facility, Harvest Power.



Just remember, NO PLASTIC as it will contaminate the entire batch

