

**Recycle your food scraps in 3 easy steps:** If you currently compost at home continue to do so and follow these steps for the food you throw out.

**Step 1:**

Collect food scraps in a kitchen container of your choice.



**Step 2:**

Empty your kitchen container into your green can.



**Step 3:**

Place your green can curbside on the morning of your collection day.



**What can I use as a Kitchen Container?** You can use any container to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in the kitchen. For example, you can reuse large yogurt containers or ice cream buckets with lids or you can use a few sheets of old newspaper to wrap your scraps. You can also buy a kitchen container or small Bag to Earth countertop paper food waste bags from local retailers such as hardware stores or home and garden shops.



Empty your kitchen container into your Green Can as needed. Freeze or refrigerate meat, fish, bones and plate scrapings until collection day. Note that kitchen containers are for storing food scraps indoors only and are not accepted curbside.

**What can I use as a Green Can?** Use one of your existing animal-resistant yard trimmings cans. Use your Green Can Decal that will be provided by the Village Office to cover your Yard Trimmings Decal.



If you don't have a yard trimmings can, purchase a 120 Litre animal-resistant can from the Village Office, or a 45, 120 or 140 Litre can from a local retailer such as a hardware store or home and garden shop. Identify your can with a Green Can Decal.

Food scraps will not be accepted curbside in the paper yard trimmings bags because they will attract wildlife. If residents have multiple cans of yard trimmings, cans with Yard Trimmings Decals will continue to be accepted.

**Yard Trimmings** Yard trimmings can be placed in your Green Can and in cans with Yard Trimmings Decals. Yard trimmings will also continue to be accepted in paper yard waste bags with tops folded down. [For information on preparing your yard trimmings for collection, see the Village website.](#)

**What about bears and other wildlife?** Lions Bay is natural bear habitat. Although residents will simply be putting food scraps into the green can instead of the garbage can, we can minimize human-bear conflict by managing our garbage, green can and other bear attractants responsibly. [View tips on being Bear Smart.](#)

**What about Odour?** Nuisances like odour need to be managed, in order to keep them from becoming a problem. Use newsprint to line your bins, or tip and rinse regularly. Plastics, including “compostable” or “biodegradable” often require very specific conditions to work so are not accepted.

 <b>What Goes In</b>	 <b>What Stays Out</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✔ Bread, toast, cereal, baked goods &amp; pizza</li><li>✔ Cake, cookies, pie, muffins &amp; candies</li><li>✔ Coffee grounds &amp; filters, teabags (no silk bags)</li><li>✔ Dairy products, cheese &amp; yogurt (no containers)</li><li>✔ Eggs &amp; egg shells</li><li>✔ Fruit, vegetables, salads, corn cobs, corn husks &amp; pumpkins</li><li>✔ Meat, fish &amp; shellfish (including bones)</li><li>✔ Nuts &amp; nutshells</li><li>✔ Pasta, couscous, potatoes, rice, oatmeal, flour &amp; grains</li><li>✔ Sauces, mayonnaise, salad dressing, syrups, peanut butter, jams &amp; jellies (no containers)</li><li>✔ Small quantities of fats &amp; oils (soak into used paper towels or newspaper)</li><li>✔ Lard, gravy, butter &amp; margarine</li><li>✔ Soiled paper towels, paper napkins, facial tissues, paper towel rolls &amp; toilet paper rolls</li><li>✔ Soiled paper food packaging (not wax-lined), cardboard egg cartons, paper plates</li><li>✔ Houseplants without soil</li><li>✔ Popsicle sticks, small wooden utensils, toothpicks, wood chips, sawdust from untreated wood &amp; cold wood ashes (in paper bags)</li><li>✔ Leaves and grass clippings</li><li>✔ Weeds, plants, flowers</li><li>✔ Small branches and prunings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✘ Plastic bags &amp; wrap, Styrofoam</li><li>✘ Biodegradable or compostable plastic bags</li><li>✘ Plastic containers and plastic cutlery, even those marked biodegradable or compostable</li><li>✘ Bread tags and twist ties</li><li>✘ Foil wrap, containers and pie plates</li><li>✘ Metal cans or glass jars</li><li>✘ Cereal and cracker box liners</li><li>✘ Chip and cookie bags</li><li>✘ Pet food bags and other lined bags</li><li>✘ Make-up remover pads, cotton swabs and cotton balls</li><li>✘ Butter wrappers (foil)</li><li>✘ Dental floss, rubber bands</li><li>✘ Soiled diapers, baby wipes</li><li>✘ Cigarettes and butts</li><li>✘ Vacuum contents and bags</li><li>✘ Pet feces or kitty litter</li><li>✘ Coffee cups and lids</li></ul>