

# What can I compost during my stay at tbayrentals.com?

**Almost all food waste can be composted.** Because of the system we use this includes meats, fats, and bones. As long as you empty your green bin once it's full and ensure that the cover is on the main bin this system will work great! Here is a short List of items you can compost:

Ashes	Yes	From untreated wood or paper, yes, in small amounts; but not from barbecues, plywood, coloured or glossy paper
Banana Skins	Yes	Decompose rapidly; can help to activate a slow compost; loaded with plant nutrients
Cardboard	Yes	Shred, soak, and mix with "greens"; but try first to reuse or recycle it
Citrus Fruits	Yes	Shred rinds; bury in compost to discourage fruit flies
Coffee Grounds	Yes	Good earthworm food; use directly on many plants; compost shredded filters, too
Corn Cobs	Yes	Shred; adds both fibre and nutrients to compost; good mulch; slow to break down
Dairy Products	Yes	Ensure that the compost if closed down tight.
Plants	Yes	It might not fit in the green bin so put it straight into the compost bins outside
Dust and Lint	Yes	Use vacuum cleaner debris and lint from clothes dryer, if mostly natural fibres
Eggshells	Yes	Dry and crush first; good earthworm food; slow to break down; help neutralize acidity; as mulch, may discourage slugs
Evergreen Needles	Yes	Highly acidic; better yet, use as mulch
Fabrics	Yes	Small scraps of wool, cotton, felt and silk; not synthetic fibres or blends
Feathers	Yes	Keep somewhat wetter than usual; extremely high in nitrogen
Fish	Yes	Make sure the composting bin is closed!
Grass Clippings	Yes	Available and valuable; mix well to avoid clumps; leave some clippings to feed lawn
Hair	Yes	Both human and pet hair; keep quite damp; avoid using if coloured with chemicals
Hay and Straw	Yes	Very good fibre, nutrients usually low
Leaves	Yes	Shred and soak; add both nutrients and fibre; tend to be slightly acidic
Manure	Yes	Cow, horse, pig, rabbit, poultry -- the fresher the better -- helps any compost
Meat and Bones	Yes	Make sure you close the composter bins completely!
Soil	Yes	Adds decomposer soil organisms; scatter lightly through pile to avoid compacting
Nutshells	Yes	Crush delicate shells like peanuts; heavier shells are better used as decorative mulch
Paper Towel/TP	Yes	Shred; not glossy/coloured which contain chemicals; better to recycle if possible
Pet Wastes	Yes	Risk of pathogens and parasites; use only barnyard manure (horse, cow, sheep, etc.)
Stumps	Yes	Once the main compost is full, the end result is used for creating green space on the property. By composting you remove heavy waste from transportation to the city dump. Solid food waste can add up over a couple days. Over the entire city this can make a huge difference. Not only is this good for the environment but it helps reduce costs and in the long term lowers the tax burden related to curbside pickup. If compost is put in the regular garbage animals particularly in the summer time will always find a way to have a quick meal at your cleaning expense.
Tea Leaves	Yes	High in nitrogen; can be applied directly to some plants; compost tea bags too
Toadstools	Yes	Decompose quickly; excellent source of many minerals
Weeds	Yes	Discard mature seeds, persistent roots, weeds treated with herbicides/pesticides
Wood Chips	Yes	Shred if possible and soak; in large pieces as they break down slowly



Each suite at tbayrentals.com is equipped with a green bin in the kitchen. This green bin is a temporary storage place for your composting waste until it gets full. It's equipped with a carbon filter on the top to remove bad scents from the kitchen. The filters need to be replaced every 6 months. If you leave compost in the unit for too long it will sink regardless of the filter. Once it's full you can dump it outside into the main composters. ...**Ensure that the lids are on tight and that they don't blow away in the wind...** If needed rinse the composter out with the hose and it's ready for reuse.

**Set the example! Compost!**

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