

SORT IT RIGHT - GREEN CARTS HAVE FEELINGS

Clean Carts Create Category A Compost Used Across Our Region
Here's What Makes Your Green Cart Sad — And What Turns It Happy

Sad Green Cart

These Items Don't Belong (But Still Show Up):

- ◆ Bathroom products, including diapers and hygiene products
- ◆ Animal waste
- ◆ Plastic bags and kitchen catchers
- ◆ Plastic, glass, and metal food containers
- ◆ Fabrics, including reusable bags, cleaning cloths, masks, and wipes
- ◆ "Biodegradable" plastics (if not certified compostable)

Remember: A Few Wrong Items Can Contaminate the Whole Load

It's not about doing it perfectly.
It's about avoiding the big mistakes.

Your Green Cart Is Not a Second Garbage Bin

If it's not compostable, it doesn't go in, even if it feels organic. Bagged organics, wipes, takeout trays, and household waste send entire loads to the landfill.



Happy Green Cart

These Items Belong in Your Green Cart:

Food Scraps

- ◆ Fruit and veggie scraps
- ◆ Meat, bones, shellfish
- ◆ Cheese, eggs, dairy
- ◆ Bread, pasta, rice, cereal
- ◆ Coffee grounds and tea bags



Yard Trimmings

- ◆ Leaves, grass, flowers
- ◆ Garden trimmings and small branches

Food-Soiled Paper

- ◆ Napkins, paper towels
- ◆ Pizza boxes (crumbs and grease OK)
- ◆ Paper takeout containers (unlined only)

Certified Compostable Packaging & Products

- ◆ Cutlery, cups, plates and containers with the compostable logo
- Green isn't enough — it must say compostable.

When in Doubt, Check the Label



Look for certified compostable logos.

Words like "biodegradable," "eco-friendly," or green packaging don't mean it's compostable.

If it doesn't say compostable ... it probably isn't.

Close... But Contaminated

These are the "almost right" mistakes that turn good compost into garbage:

- ◆ Dead plants in plastic pots
- ◆ Cake or leftovers on Styrofoam trays
- ◆ Old meat tossed with plastic wrap and pads
- ◆ Food scraps still in takeout containers
- ◆ Coffee grounds left in plastic pods

The items are compostable — the packaging isn't.

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ABOUT OUR CATEGORY A COMPOST



Roseridge Waste Management Commission transforms over 14,000 tonnes of organic material annually into Category A compost — a nutrient-rich product approved for unrestricted use in gardens, farms, and public landscapes across our region. This high-quality compost supports local agriculture, reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers, and enriches our soil.

However, the quality of this compost depends on what residents place in their green carts. Contaminants, including glass, metal, plastic bags, non-compostable packaging, and hygiene products compromise the composting process, leading to increased waste and reduced compost quality. By ensuring only appropriate organic materials enter the green cart, residents play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of our compost and supporting a sustainable environment.



SAD GREEN CART TIPS

Diapers or diaper genie bags can contaminate an entire truckload of compost.

Plastic bags — even if they're green — go straight to the landfill if used in the compost cart.



HAPPY GREEN CART TIPS

Greasy pizza boxes are compostable and deserve a compost win. So when dinner's done, bin the box.

Your Green Cart Organics get turned into Category A Compost used in local gardens, farms, and parks.

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