

Winter Collection Tips

Here are some hints to help you avoid any collection problems

KEEP YOUR CART DRY: Store your green cart in a dry area away from weather. Exposure to rain or snow will allow water to collect inside your cart causing it to freeze making it very difficult, even impossible to empty during collection. **To avoid damaging carts Collection Staff will not apply extra force to frozen organics during winter collections.**

KEEP YOUR WASTE CLEAR: In the winter months please ensure that bags and green carts are easily accessible to collection staff and free from obstructing snow banks.

CLEAN IT OFF: Make sure the lids to all collection boxes and green carts are clear of snow, ensuring that collection staff can easily open

LINE YOUR CART: Lining your cart will act as a barrier between the cart and your organic waste, this will keep waste from sticking or freezing to the sides of your cart.

IF YOU HAVE TO: While we prefer paper bags, some customers may still want to use **bio-degradable** plastic liners. For now, we will only accept those liners bearing the following logo, proving Biodegradable Products Institute standards:



WRAP IT UP: It helps to wrap particularly wet food scraps in newspaper before placing it in your cart. Newspaper absorbs extra moisture which will help to eliminate

FREEZE IT: While it may not appeal to everyone, you can store well-wrapped organic waste separately in the deep freeze and place the frozen organics in your green cart on collection day. This will keep organic waste from smelling in the summer months and freezing to the sides of you cart in the winter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to contact me Valeria Kean, Waste Diversion Coordinator at 875-5336 or 875-7026.