

The City of Ottawa's **Green Bin** program will accept the following organic materials:

Food waste or scraps:

- ✓ Baking ingredients, herbs and spices
- ✓ Bread, cereals, crackers and grains
- ✓ Candy and gum
- ✓ Chips, popcorn and nuts
- ✓ Coffee grounds and filters
- ✓ Cookies, cakes, muffins and pastries
- ✓ Dairy products (cheese, sour cream)
- ✓ Dough
- ✓ Eggs and egg shells
- ✓ Fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Jams, Jellies, Marmalades/chutney
- ✓ Leftover cooking oils, lard, shortening, fat, butter and margarine
- ✓ Meat, fish, shellfish, poultry, pork bones and scraps
- ✓ Nuts and shells
- ✓ Pasta, beans, rice and couscous
- ✓ Peanut butter
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Pits (all types)
- ✓ Salad dressing, mayonnaise, vinegar, sauces, marinades, dips and gravy
- ✓ Seeds
- ✓ Tea and tea bags

Yard waste:

- ✓ Branches, twigs and hedge trimmings
- ✓ Leaves, Plants, weeds and Grass clippings

Other acceptable items

- ✓ Animal bedding (e.g. bird and hamster cages)
- ✓ Barbeque Ashes and Cold fireplace ash
- ✓ Butcher's meat wrap
- ✓ Cotton balls and Dryer lint
- ✓ Floor sweepings, vacuum bags and vacuum contents
- ✓ Food-soiled paper towels, napkins and tissues
- ✓ Food-soiled pizza boxes (pizza boxes should not go in black bin)
- ✓ Household plants, including soil
- ✓ Kitty litter
- ✓ Microwave popcorn bags
- ✓ Paper coffee cups, plates and muffin wrappers
- ✓ Pet fur, hair and feathers
- ✓ Soiled paper, boxboard and cardboard
- ✓ Sugar, flour and potato paper bags
- ✓ Waxed paper, cardboard and cold drink cups
- ✓ Wooden popsicle sticks and toothpicks
- ✓ Wood chips, sawdust and untreated wood scraps (less than four inches in any dimension)

Not allowed in the green bin:

Plastic bags of any kind (even the compostable varieties aren't allowed) and Diapers and sanitary products (as they contain plastics)