

Using Your Mini Kitchen Bin And Green Cart

Mini Kitchen Bin Tips

- Line mini kitchen bin with **used** paper towels, napkins, **used** paper plates or a sheet of newspaper to help absorb liquid or moisture that escapes from wet food scraps.
- Wrap food scraps like meat, fish, poultry, cooking grease, sauces, soups, etc., in **used** paper products like **used** paper towels before placing in mini kitchen bin.
- During warm months, you can freeze food scraps like shell fish or fish until collection day.
- Clean out your fridge, freezer or cupboards of expired food products just before your collection day instead of after your collection day.
- Empty the contents of your mini kitchen bin into the center of the green cart so liquids do not have a chance to build up on the rim of the green cart.
- Wipe clean or rinse out your mini kitchen bin each time you empty it. Mild soap or baking soda can be used.

Green Cart Tips

- Keep your green cart outside in a shady, convenient, well ventilated area.
- During the winter, move green cart closer to your house to allow for easier access.
- After each green cart collection day, line the bottom grate of green cart with **used** paper towels, **used** paper plates, leaf and yard waste, etc., to absorb liquid or moisture that escapes from food scraps. Keep air vents located at the bottom of the green cart clear to allow for air circulation.
- During warm months, place your green cart curbside each week on your scheduled collection day even if your cart is not full.
- Rub the inside of your green cart lid with vinegar and/or sprinkle a small amount of rock salt, baking soda or lime inside your cart to control fruit flies and prevent pests.
- Wash your green cart frequently using mild soap or baking soda. Rinse out with a garden hose and let drain on the lawn.
- To prevent material from sticking or freezing to cart during cold months, spray grill with cooking spray before adding materials.

PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR DISPOSING OF ORGANIC MATERIALS IN YOUR MINI KITCHEN BIN OR GREEN CART

CURBSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION HELPFUL HINTS 2007

CBRM's new curbside organics green cart collection program will provide residents with a way to separate organic waste from mixed waste (household garbage). The Solid Waste Department has provided each single family unit and duplex in urban and suburban areas with a mini kitchen bin and green cart.

How the Program will Work:

One green cart, mini kitchen bin and information package will be delivered to single family units and duplexes located in urban and suburban communities. Once you receive your mini kitchen bin and green cart you can begin using them. CBRM's waste collectors will now be responsible for collecting your organic waste separate from your mixed waste (garbage). Curbside organic green cart collection will be **each week** on the same day that your garbage is collected. If you are unsure of your garbage collection day, please phone CBRM's Waste Management Hotline at 567-1337.

WHAT'S OUT!

Please **DO NOT** place the following items in green cart

NO Plastic bags (grocery, shopping, garbage)	NO Paint , pressure treated wood or household special waste items	NO Animal waste or kitty litter
NO Ashes or soot	NO Rocks, bricks or cement	NO Personal hygiene products, diapers or styrofoam
NO Plastic, glass, tin, metal, aluminum, etc.	NO Sharps (needles, lancets, syringes), razor blades or medical waste, etc.	NO Clothing, textiles, footwear, etc.

WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT

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