

# Community Food Scrap Composting Guide

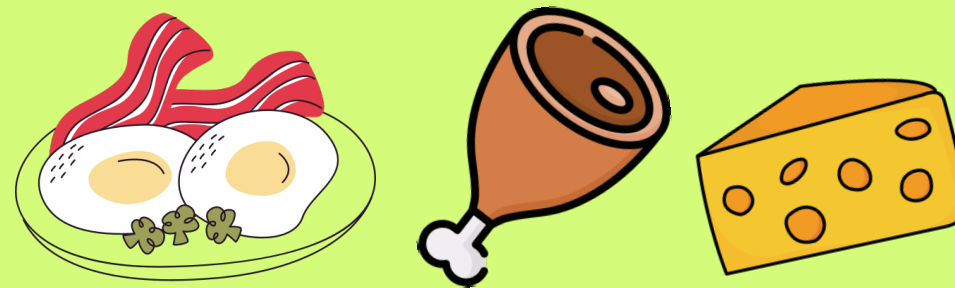
Materials **ACCEPTED** in Winnetka's Food Scrap Composting Program

## Unwrapped Grains & Breads



Baked goods, Breads, Cereal, Grains and grain products

## Meat, Dairy & Eggs



Bones, Solid dairy products, Eggshells, Fish/seafood, Meats

## Paper Products



Cardboard (including pizza boxes), Coffee filters, Egg cartons (paper/cardboard only), Napkins, Newspaper, Non-waxed paper food packaging, Paper towels

## Fruits, Veggies & More!



Fruit, Vegetables, Coffee grounds, Tea/tea bags (no staples), Sugars/syrups, Unwrapped candy, Fried food, Spices/herbs, Flower/plant cuttings, Untreated wood products/sawdust, Compostable bags (ASTM D6400 Certified)

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If it grows, it goes!

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## Materials **NOT ACCEPTED** in Winnetka's Food Scrap Composting Program

### Landscape Waste



Yard waste, Leaves, Weeds, Grass clippings, Christmas trees

**Compostable in at-home yard waste collection, but not in this program**



### Packaging

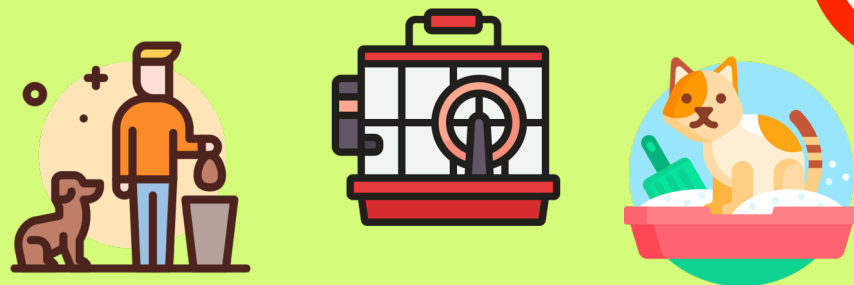


Microwave popcorn bags, Frozen food boxes, Plastic bags and containers, Juice boxes

**Not compostable due to chemical concerns**



### Pet Waste



Human and animal feces, Small animal cage litter, Cat litter, etc.

**Not compostable due to health concerns**



### Miscellaneous



Gum, Treated wood and sawdust, Plant-based #7 serviceware, Cigarettes, Clothing

**Not compostable due to chemical concerns**



When food and other organics decompose in landfills, they don't break down properly, they release greenhouse gases that trap heat, and they contribute to climate change.

The EPA estimates that in the United States in 2018, more food was sent to landfills than any other single material in our everyday trash.

Keep food and other organics out of landfill. Equally important, keep diverted organics free of contaminants. Use this QR code to download a copy of this Food Scrap Composting Guide.



**When in doubt, throw it out!**