QUEEN CITY COMMONS

# Compost Guide



## Accepted Items

* Fruits + vegetables * Herbs + spices
* Pasta, rice + grains * Bread + pastries * Eggshells
* Loose tea leaves (note: we do not accept any type of tea bags, tea strings, or tea wrappers)
* Coffee grounds + paper filters * Cooked food
* Paper napkins, paper towels, and paper bags (tape and staples removed)
* Shredded, non-glossy paper * Flowers + houseplants
* Biobag-brand compostable liners



## Unaccepted Items

✗ Dairy ✗ Meat and Fish ✗ Oils and Grease
✗ Plastics, including all produce stickers
✗ Garbage ✗ Clothing ✗ Pet Waste
✗ "Compostable" and "biodegradable" serviceware (including utensils, plates, cups, and compostable liners other than Biobag)
✗ Parchment paper and wax paper

**Questions on what we do and don't take? Ask us at:**

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# Tips for Keeping Your Compost Collection Bucket Clean



*Did You Know:* Moisture accelerates the decomposition process, creating a happy environment for mold and flies. Less moisture = cleaner bucket.

**Freeze your scraps.**

If you've got room in your freezer, this is the easiest method. Nothing breaks down, so nothing gets gross!

**Layer food scraps with dry items.**

Such as paper napkins, paper towels, paper bags, and cardboard. This helps avoid super wet and soggy pockets by drying out the food scraps.

**Clean your bucket after drop-off. This can look like:**

- Wiping the inside down with a paper towel or dried leaves from your yard. If no cleaning supplies are used, keep that paper towel in the bucket to compost!
- Designating a compost bucket sponge and cleaning out your bucket in the sink with soap and water.

**Use a liner.**

- Preferably a paper bag - these compost the best.
- We also accept Biobag compostable liners. *Note: Actual compostability varies by brand and greenwashing is real. We specifically only accept Biobag because we know how they break down in our compost piles. If using a compostable plastic liner, the compost microbes and us thank you for only using a Biobag liner :)*

**Keep the lid off of your bucket.**

- This sounds kinda nuts, we know. It's not for everyone (we see you, people with toddlers, dogs, and very curious cats). Keeping the lid off allows some of the moisture in food scraps to evaporate, slowing down decomposition. Replace the lid with a towel if you still want a cover, and empty your bucket weekly for best results.