

Keeping your Green Cart and Kitchen Container neat and tidy

Using a compostable bag or liner is an easy way to keep your kitchen container and Green Cart tidy

Paper bags, newspapers or certified compostable bags can all be used to line the Kitchen Container and your Green Cart. They can be purchased from local retailers; however, you are not required to line your Kitchen Container or Green Cart – it is optional and up to each resident. Pet waste can go into compostable bags, paper bags or wrapped in newspaper before putting it in the cart or can go directly into the cart.

If you choose to use a liner, here are some options:

Newspaper: You can learn to make a newspaper liner at home. For best results, use 3-4 sheets of large newsprint (large flyers work the best). The newsprint along with the food waste can go directly into the Green Cart. Watch an instructional video on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfEX85V9n8w>). You can also just line the bottom of your container with newsprint for easy cleanup.

Paper bags: All paper bags are compostable and can go directly in the Green Cart. Paper bags are not required to have the certified compostable logos on them.

- Reuse fast food bags or brown paper grocery bags as a liner in your kitchen pail.
- Purchase paper kitchen pail liners
- Use a paper yard waste bag as a liner inside your green cart
- Use a paper yard waste bag for extra yard waste that doesn't fit inside the cart
- Paper yard waste bags can be purchased at grocery, and home and garden centres

Certified compostable bags:

Look for certified compostable bags – not biodegradable or degradable – available at most local retailers. Certified compostable bags will have either the BPI or BNQ logo on the package. Paper or cellulose lined paper bags do not require a certified compostable logo. Compostable bags, paper bags and cellulose lined paper bags are available in most retailers that sell garbage bags, including dollar stores, and will be found in the garbage bag aisle.



Tips & tricks:

- The Kitchen Container is dishwasher safe. Both the Kitchen Container and Green Cart can be rinsed out or washed as needed with a mild detergent and water or vinegar and water.
- Make sure to clean out the cart on a regular basis, ensure it is set out on time for weekly collection, keep the lid closed, and store the cart out of direct sunlight if possible.
- Some of our pilot households found adding a bit of baking soda to the bottom of their cart and kitchen container helped keep them smelling fresher.