**Queens Curbside Composting**

Curbside Composting service is available to ALL Queens residents.

Compost is picked up every week on your recycling day.

[Find your collection schedule](https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/forms/collection-schedule)

**How to Compost**

Set out your leaf and yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper at the curb inside a labeled bin with a secure lid or in your DSNY brown compost bin.

* Extra leaf and yard waste can be put in a paper lawn and leaf bag or clear plastic bag.
* Twigs and branches can be bundled with twine and placed next to bins and bags.

Bins must be 55 gallons or less with a secure lid. Line with a clear plastic, paper, or compostable bag to help keep it clean.

[**Purchase a DSNY brown bin or the official NYC Bin online.**](https://www.bins.nyc/) If using your own bin, [**order a free composting bin decal**](http://nyc.gov/CompostingBinDecal).

**Mandatory Separation**

[**Leaf and yard waste separation from trash is now mandatory.**](https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/collection-laws-residents.page#plant-food-waste)

Separation of food waste and food-soiled paper from trash is also mandatory. The warning period runs through Spring 2025. Starting **Spring 2025**, all NYC residents will be subject to fines.

**Storage Area**

Owners and property managers of buildings with 4 or more units must provide a designated storage area with clearly labeled compost bins. [**Learn more about composting in larger buildings.**](https://sanitation.my.site.com/recyclingmaterialsrequest/s/?language=en_US&parameter=JmF1ZElkPWEyQjZnMDAwMDAwcHN4d0VBQSZzdWJBdWRJZD1hMkI2ZzAwMDAwMHBzeTdFQUEmb2xkQXVkSWQ9YTJCNmcwMDAwMDBwc3h3RUFBJm9sZFN1YkF1ZElkPWEyQjZnMDAwMDAwcHN5N0VBQSZzZWxlY3RlZENhdGVnb3J5SWQ9YTJDNHYwMDAwME1Dd1JwRUFMJnNlbGVjdGVkU3ViQ2F0ZWdvcnlJZD1hMkM2ZzAwMDAwMVVVcVZFQVcmcHJvZHVjdElkPTAxdFJsMDAwMDA4MDVmcElBQSZvcmRlckluZm89e30mc2hpcHBpbmdJbmZvPXt9JnNrdUlkPTAxdFJsMDAwMDA4MDVmcUlBQSZwYWdlTmFtZT1wcm9kdWN0TGlzdENvbnRhaW5lcg%3D%3D)

**What to Compost**

We will pick up **ALL leaf and yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper**. This includes meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods, greasy uncoated paper plates and pizza boxes, and products certified or labeled compostable.

**DO NOT** compost trash such as diapers, personal hygiene products, animal waste, wrappers, non-paper packaging, and foam products.

**DO NOT** compost recyclable materials. [**Learn more about what to recycle.**](https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/recycling.page)