

## Why compost?

Composting food and yard waste benefits the climate and conserves resources.

Food rotting in landfills releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Composting reduces landfill waste by 25%.

## Start composting

Most homes in Kitsap can sign up for curbside compost service. Visit [kcowa.us/compostguide](https://kcowa.us/compostguide) to learn more.

## Reduce food waste

Reducing food waste helps the planet and your budget. Find tips to shop smart, store food to last longer, and use what you have at [usefoodwell.org](https://usefoodwell.org).

## Helpful tips

### Keep it loose

If you bag your food scraps, use only paper bags or BPI-certified compostable bags.

Look for this symbol:



### Keep it cool

Keep your food scraps in the freezer or fridge to prevent odors and flies, and then add them to your food and yard waste cart.

### When in doubt, throw it out

If you're uncertain of where an item belongs, the best option is to throw it in the garbage.



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# Curbside Composting Guide



# How to compost

- ✓ Collect your food scraps.
- ✓ Place them in your food and yard waste cart.
- ✓ Add leaves, branches, grass, and other natural yard waste.



## What to compost



All food, yard waste, paper towels, napkins, and coffee filters



Eggshells



Dairy



Fruit



Vegetables



Grains



Poultry



Fish



Meat



Prepared foods



Branches  
(less than 3" in  
diameter and 4' long)



Grass



Plant  
trimmings



Leaves



Napkins and  
paper towels



Coffee filters

## Leave it out



Plastic bags



To-go containers



Fats and oil



Pet waste



Produce stickers



Noxious weeds



Plastic



Metal



Glass



Rocks



Dirt

Learn the ins and outs of curbside composting at [kcowa.us/compostguide](http://kcowa.us/compostguide).