

Instructions for grading food waste pictures

Step 1: Look at the picture and judge whether anything is being disposed at all.

- If nothing is being disposed (e.g. just people walking by, counter being wiped, trash bin being moved, no action at all in picture), give the grade of **N** for 'not gradeable' and skip the remaining steps.
- If something is being disposed, continue to step 2.

Step 2: Estimate the total volume (in 8-oz cups) of **avoidable** waste in the picture.

- This **includes** combining waste from multiple plates, multiple people, liquids, stuff that shouldn't even be composted, etc.
- This **does not** include things like fruit peels and chicken bones, and up to one napkin per picture (i.e. everyone gets one 'free' napkin before it starts counting as waste).

Step 3: Judge where the total volume of avoidable waste (V) falls on this scale:

A:	$V = 0 \text{ cups}$
B:	$0 \text{ cups} < V \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ cup}$
C:	$\frac{1}{2} \text{ cup} < V \leq 1 \text{ cup}$
D:	$1 \text{ cup} < V \leq 2 \text{ cups}$
F:	$2 \text{ cups} < V$

- Give the corresponding letter grade.
- Tips:
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup is about the size of a hockey puck.
 - 1 cup is about the size of a baseball.

Step 4: If you are confused and think this picture presents something new that hasn't been considered (i.e. doesn't fall under N, A, B, C, D, or F), give a longer message explaining your confusion instead of a grade.