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What the green top bin is for

The green top bin is for food and garden waste. If your property does not have a green top bin, use a paper and corn starch sack for your food and garden waste.

- > **Order bins, bags or sacks**

Items to put in your green top bin

Use your green top bin for food waste like:

- fruit and vegetables
- meat, fish and bones

- plate scrapings
- rice, pasta and bread
- tea bags and coffee grounds

You can also use it for garden waste like:

- grass, hedge and shrub cuttings
- leaves and weeds
- plants and flowers
- straw, hay and sawdust
- tree bark and small branches
- waste from pets that only eat plants like rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters

[Check full list of items to put in your green top bin](#)

Items not to put in your green top bin

You cannot get rid of these items in your green top bin:

- plastic bin liners, bags or sacks
- biodegradable or degradable bags or sacks
- compostable packaging

How to use your green top bin

You can use sacks made of paper or corn starch in your green top bin, or you can put your food and garden waste in loose.

Use only corn starch bags with the [‘compostable’ logo](#).

We provide a free kitchen caddy to help you separate your food waste. You can line your kitchen caddy with:

- newspaper
- paper bag
- compostable bag

Composting at home

You can buy equipment to compost food and garden waste at home from [Get Composting](#)

Find out how you can use your green top bin in this video.



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