



ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Three simple rules to remember what is accepted as organic materials.

N°1 - Can you eat it or is it part of something you can eat	
Raw, cooked or spoiled: All meal preparation residue and all table scraps only in paper bags or in bulk	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruits, vegetables (peels, pits as corncobs included)• Meat, poultry, fish and seafood (skin, bones, carcasses, carapaces and shells included)• Nuts, egg (shells included)• Solid or semi-solid dairy products• Breads and pastas• Bakery, pastry and confectionery products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expired foods (without packaging)• Coffee beans, tea leaves and herbal teas (bags and coffee filters included, but without pin or rope)• Légumes• Animal food• Liquid foods in small quantities that can be absorbed by the other residues in the collection bin

N°2 - Is it paper or cardboard?	
Paper or cardboard soiled by food or use to wrap food	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza boxes, unwaxed delivery meal boxes and paper plates, unlaminated and staple-free• Paper molds for muffins or cakes, parchment paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper towels, napkins, handkerchiefs• Unglazed and staple free newspapers and circulars• Paper bags, with or without compostable cellulosic film inside (e.g. SAC AU SOL®)

N°3 - Is it garden waste?	
Raw, cooked or spoiled : All meal preparation residue and all table scraps only in paper bags or in bulk	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dead leaves (including those affected by leaf spot)• Grass and cut grass• Flowers, plants (invasive plants excluded) residues from flowerbed maintenance and weeding• Conifer cones and needles• Untreated wood chips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Straw, hay and stubble• Potting soil and compost• Small branches (less than 4 cm in diameter and 30 cm in length), hedge trimmings• Small roots

Other compostable materials accepted	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hair, fur, and feathers• Frozen treat sticks• Natural cork (synthetic plastic corks excluded)• Cold ashes (cooled for at least 72 hours)• All types of pet litter in bulk (agglomerant included)• Wooden toothpicks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chicken or horse manure• Dog feces in a paper bag or wrapped in paper• Certified compostable plastic products and packaging by the office of standardisation of Québec (BNQ) except for plastic bags which are not accepted• Un-lit matches



REFUSED MATERIALS

In addition to the exclusions indicated in the list of accepted materials

All plastic bags	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular plastic bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oxobiodegradable plastic bags
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biodegradable plastic bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compostable plastic bags

Recyclable materials	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waxed papers and boxes• Glossy papers and boxes (e.g. photos, magazines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bottles, containers, packaging, bags, or plastic objects (Styrofoam included)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laminated paper and cardboard (e.g. paper cups, ice cream boxes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bottles, containers, or glass objects• Cans, containers, packaging, or metal objects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-layer containers (e.g. pints of milk)	

Construction, renovation, demolition residue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ceramic• Construction, renovation and demolition waste• Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treated wood, plywood, and gypsum• street gravel, rocks, stones• Asphalt

Hazardous household waste	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Materials treated with pesticides and chemicals• Used oils, paints, gasoline, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Batteries• Computer and electronic equipment

Garden residues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invasive plants (e.g. Eurasian milfoil, giant hogweed, poison ivy, ragweed, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logs and tree stumps

Other miscellaneous residues also refused	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dead animals and animal parts• Dryer lint and fabric softener sheets• Synthetic textiles (e.g. polyester, nylon, Lycra)• Cigarette butts• Pencils of all types• Vacuum cleaner bags and their contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barbecue briquette ash• Candles• Diapers and sanitary products (e.g. dental floss, cotton swabs, sanitary napkins)• Chewing gum• Microwave popcorn bags