

## HOW TO RECYCLE FOOD SCRAPS & ORGANICS:



Line organics bin  
with newspaper or  
paper bag



Fill bin with  
food scraps and  
organics



Empty into  
building's  
'Food Scraps &  
Organics Bin'



Naturally clean with  
vinegar and sprinkle  
with baking soda to  
prevent odour.

*(Welcome Home / Dear Tenant),*

The *(Strata Building Name)* supports our community's goal of becoming zero waste. Our Whistler *(property is / properties are)* now equipped to support the diversion of recycling and organics from the waste sent to landfill.

The signage and corresponding bins installed in your properties garbage room indicate the waste streams being collected in our property and what is accepted in each bin. Please only dispose of accepted items to help manage waste stream contamination and minimize the associated fines. Responsibly dispose of unaccepted items elsewhere. Find out more at [whistler.ca/wastereduction](http://whistler.ca/wastereduction).

More than 54% of what we typically throw into the garbage is actually compostable, and belongs in the 'Food Scraps & Organics Bin'. Recycling food waste will significantly reduce the amount of garbage we send to the landfill, save our building money, and create compost for local farms, gardens and landscaping. As of September 2017, municipal bylaw requires that all residential and commercial buildings separate organic recycling from regular garbage. Many local residents and businesses are already on board and significantly reducing their waste footprint.

Whistler's 'Food Scraps & Organics' are processed locally at a commercial composting facility, which accepts, all food waste and leftovers, such as -  
meat, cheese, bones, fruit, vegetables, coffee grounds, tea bags, paper napkins, paper plates and food-soiled pizza boxes.

If you have questions about your building's waste diversion program, please call *(insert name and number of the person managing the building's waste contract)*. Our goal is to make this as simple and convenient as possible for everyone.

For more tools and information, please visit: [whistler.ca/wastereduction](http://whistler.ca/wastereduction)

Sincerely,

*(Insert property managers name and contact details)*

# WHAT'S ACCEPTED

## Food Scraps and Organics



Meat & Bones



Fish & Shellfish



Grains & Pasta



Dairy Products



Eggs & Shells



NO Diapers



Fruits & Veggies



Plate Scrapings



Coffee Filters,  
grounds & Tea Bags



Food-Soiled Paper



Yard Trimmings



NO Plastic



## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Keep all waste, organics and recyclables indoors, out of reach from bears and wildlife
- Minimize odour by storing smelly items in the freezer until you are ready to discard
- Include plant waste (just make sure not to include invasive plants)
- Food scrap collection doesn't create more waste it just involves separating waste differently, opt for a smaller garbage bin as a space saver

## THE BUZZ ON BIN LINERS

Bin liners come in all shapes, sizes and materials. Compostable and biodegradable bags are not the same thing. Biodegradable plastics break down into smaller pieces of plastic that are very challenging to remove from the environment, whereas compostable plastics break down into organic material. *(Optional: In an effort to avoid confusion and contamination this property has opted to provide compostable bin liners for its residents. These liners can be found in your buildings garbage room beside the 'Food Scraps and Organics Bin'.)*

If you want to go linerless, but are concerned about the 'ick' factor consider placing newspaper or recycled paper at the bottom of your tote. If you choose to purchase your own bin liners read labels and packaging carefully. Look for ASTM D6400 or BPI certified compostable products. The following labels do not mean compostable: biodegradable, eco-friendly, made from plants, oxo-degradable, made with recycled content.