Are you using acceptable Green Cart liners?

Do your part to help keep Halton’s compost plastic free!

If you choose to line your Green Cart with a bag, please ensure you are using acceptable certified compostable liners with the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) logo on the box, as shown to the left. These bags are made from plant-based materials so they compost easily. Not all liners sold are accepted for use in Halton’s Green Cart program. Halton Region does not accept plastic products or plastic liners in the Green Cart.

Acceptable liner bags with the BPI logo can be purchased at various retail stores.

Other acceptable liners include:
- paper towels
- sheets of newspaper/flyers
- cardboard
- paper bags
- paper food waste bags

Unacceptable bags

Green Carts lined with unacceptable bags will not be collected.

halton.ca/greencartliners
Make Better Compost

The food waste that goes in the Green Cart is used to make compost for gardens and agricultural fields. The final compost material will be a better product by following these tips to keep our compost clean:

- **No plastic packaging.** When cleaning out your fridge, please remember to remove food from plastic bags, produce bags, plastic wrap and Styrofoam. These items go in the garbage, and the old or leftover food goes in the Green Cart.

- **No elastics.** Please remove elastic bands from vegetables such as broccoli, celery, green onions and asparagus. The elastic bands go in the garbage, and the old food goes in the Green Cart.

- **No stickers.** Please remove the sticker from fruit such as bananas, apples, pears and peaches. The stickers go in the garbage, and the fruit peels, cores and pits go in the Green Cart.

- **No diapers.** Please place diapers and sanitary products in the garbage. These materials do not compost and result in compost that does not meet Ontario provincial quality guidelines.

- **No pet waste.** Please place all pet waste, including litter and shavings, in the garbage. These materials reduce the overall quality of the final compost product.

**Green Cart tips**

- Wrap food waste in newspaper or soiled paper towels, or place in a cardboard box like a cracker or cereal box (no liners).

- Avoid insects and other pests by sprinkling a handful of salt, baking soda or powdered ginger in the Kitchen Catcher.

- To reduce odours, store meat, poultry, fish and bones in the freezer until you dispose of them in the Green Cart.

- Use a paper milk carton (without a plastic spout) to collect fats and oils. When full, place in the Green Cart.

- If a paper product is difficult to rip, or if there is visible plastic or metallic lining, it cannot go in the Green Cart.

For more information, visit [halton.ca/greencart](http://halton.ca/greencart)

**Remember:** no plastic, glass, metal, Styrofoam, stickers, elastics, diapers, or pet waste.