



LIST OF COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS

The following is a comprehensive list of materials that can be included in an industrial composting program.
Please note: All items must be removed from their packaging (except cardboard packaging) before composting.

PRODUCE

Spoiled produce
 Vegetable/fruit peelings
 Produce trimmings
 Fruit/vegetable pits
 Fruit/vegetable rinds
 Corn husks
 Corncobs
 Fruit juices
 Fruit/vegetable crates
 Waxed cardboard

DELI/CAFETERIA

Plate scrapings
 Paper dinnerware
 Paper napkins
 Paper towels
 Paper plates
 Paper cups
 Compostable dinnerware
 Pizza boxes
 Food boxes
 Coffee grounds & filters
 Tea bags
 Wooden stir sticks
 Wooden toothpicks
 Waxed paper
 Bamboo skewers
 Grill ashes
 Crumbs
 Vegetable/fruit peels
 Fruit pits
 Corncobs
 Spoiled/outdated foods
 Spoiled deli meats
 Spoiled deli cheese

BAKERY

Stale bread
 Stale/outdated pastries
 Grains
 Flour
 Rice
 Cornmeal
 Oatmeal
 Nut shells/husks
 Egg shells
 Dough
 Cardboard packages
 Paper muffin cups

MEAT COUNTER

Ground bones
 Animal/fish bones
 Meat scraps
 Spoiled meat
 Fat trimmings

SEAFOOD COUNTER

Fish scraps
 Seashells (crushed)
 Raw fish
 Sushi
 Crustaceans
 Crustacean shells
 Fish bones

DAIRY

Eggs
 Egg shells
 Milk & milk products
 Cheese
 Yogurt
 Ice Cream
 Cardboard containers
 Cardboard egg cartons

FROZEN FOODS

Ice cream
 Ice cream cartons
 Pizza
 Pizza boxes
 Frozen vegetables
 Frozen meals
 Frozen meat
 Frozen fish
 Frozen juice

CANNED GOODS

Pickles
 Canned fruits
 Canned vegetables
 Canned milk products
 Canned meats
 Canned soups
 Liquid from canned products
 Jelly, jam, & preserves

DRY GOODS

Flour
 Rice
 Grains
 Pasta
 Oatmeal
 Powdered Milk
 Stale cereal
 Cornmeal
 Tobacco products
 Cardboard packages
 Cereal boxes
 Nut shells/husks
 Popcorn
 Spices
 Jelly-O
 Stale Potato chips
 Crackers / snack foods
 Candy
 Chocolate

ALCOHOL PRODUCTS

Wine
 Beer
 Hops
 Wine waste
 Wine corks (not synthetic)
 Grape/winery wastes
 Brewery wastes

PETS/PET PRODUCTS

Animal bedding
 Kitty litter
 Animal/bird droppings
 Feathers
 Fish food flakes
 Pet food (wet or dry)
 Animal feed pellets
 Pet fur
 Pet nail clippings
 Alfalfa hay or pellets
 Rawhide dog chews
 Aquarium plants

FLORAL DEPT

Flower petals & stems
 Flower arrangements
 Dead plants
 Potting soil
 Leaves
 Natural potpourri
 Natural wreaths
 Evergreen garlands

GARDEN DEPT

Grass clippings
 Leaves
 Weeds
 Dead plants
 Flower petals & stems
 Tree bark
 Branches
 Wood chips & shavings
 Old seed packets
 Crop waste
 Dirt & potting soil
 Manure
 Straw & hay
 Pine needles
 Sawdust (untreated)
 Shredded hardwood
 Peat moss
 Hay bales
 Wooden pallets
 Christmas Trees
 Dead insects

OFFICE

Coffee grounds & filters
 Tea bags
 Wooden stir sticks
 Wooden toothpicks
 Paper
 Newsprint
 Soiled cardboard
 Facial tissues
 Paper towels
 Paper dinnerware
 Compostable dinnerware
 Old paperback books
 Phone books
 Elmer's glue
 Shredded documents
 Pencil shavings
 Paper bags
 Receipt paper

CUSTODIAL

Vacuum bag wastes
 Dust/lint
 Paper towels
 Paper towel rolls
 Tobacco wastes
 Dryer lint
 Crumbs

RESTROOM

Facial tissues
 Paper towels
 Toilet paper rolls
 Paper towel rolls
 Hair
 Cotton balls

PARTY SUPPLIES

Paper table cloths
 Crepe paper streamers
 Jack-O-Lanterns
 Natural wreaths

INDUSTRIAL

Cotton products
 Linen products
 Wool products
 Leather products
 Burlap
 Granite Dust
 Greensand
 Sawdust
 Trees
 Tobacco wastes
 Hoof and horn meal
 Blood meal
 Fish meal
 Limestone
 Dolomite lime
 Bagasse (sugar cane residue)
 Molasses residue
 Wet cardboard
 Waxed cardboard
 Wooden pallets