



Give Your Food Scraps New Life

by Placing Them in Your Green Cart

Join Your Salinas Valley Neighbors by Properly Placing Your Food Scraps in the Green Cart

Our program turns food scraps into compost that can enrich the soil on our farms and in our home gardens while keeping waste out of the landfill.

Nothing Goes to Waste

- Burnt toast?
That's compost!
- Strawberries spoiled?
That's compost for your soil.

Reduce Waste Going to Landfills

- In the landfill food scraps go to waste but in your green cart they become compost for our farms and home gardens.

Need More Space in Your Trash Cart?

- Place food scraps where they belong, in your green cart.

79%

of residents think it's important to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill by placing food scraps in the green cart.

Together, we are enriching the soil on farms and in home gardens throughout our valley.

Food Scraps Come From:



Unwanted trimmings
from meal prep



Those last bits
after a meal



Food that's been in the
fridge too long

How to Collect Your Food Scraps

#1



Choose a container like a bowl or pail.
Put it in a convenient place
in the kitchen.

#2



Collect your food scraps from
meal prep, after a meal, and
cleaning out the fridge.

#3



Place food scraps in
your green cart.
*(Plastic bag liners cannot be
placed in green cart.)*

If it Grows, it Goes!

What Goes: ✓



- Fruit, **including** pits, rinds, and seeds.
- Vegetables, including seeds.
- Dairy and eggshells.
- Cooked meat and seafood, **including bones and shells.**
- Bread, grains, pasta, and nut shells.
- Tea bags and coffee grounds.
- Spoiled food and uneaten food from a meal.

What Doesn't: ✗



- Raw meat
- Liquids
- Fats, oils, and grease
- Plastic and plastic bags
- Paper and cardboard
- Glass
- Metal
- Food stickers
- Rubber bands
- Twist ties

*(*Keep our compost clean – put diapers,
pet waste, & trash in the trash cart.)*