

## CAN IT GO IN BANFF'S ORGANICS BIN?

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The Banff compost facility is designed for processing solids left over from the wastewater treatment process. Until we learn which additional organic materials this process can effectively compost we are being cautious about the materials we collect for composting. Your co-operation in placing only currently acceptable food waste items in the bins is appreciated.

- With the exception of meats and bones most solid food waste can go in the organics bins.
- Plastic of any kind must not be placed in the bins.
- Please cut large items into smaller pieces.
- Liquids or semi-liquid material such as yogurt and sour cream as well as coffee grounds may be rinsed down the drain with used water such as dirty dishwater.



### Use Your Garburator!



In the past garburators have been discouraged for waste disposal in Banff. However, a modern wastewater treatment plant now makes it possible to encourage the use of garburators. Food waste processed in a garburator will make its way into the composting process through the normal wastewater treatment process. If you have a garburator or wish to install one, you will find it a more convenient way to dispose of many of these items.

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Here is a list of items you may be wondering about. We will update this list as we learn more about our ability to compost organic wastes in Banff.

**Green means YES.**

**SEPARATE** these materials from your garbage and place them in the organics bins located on Cave Avenue, at the Downtown Recycling Depot (located on Beaver Street behind the Fire Hall) or at the Compound Depot (located on Hawk Avenue in the industrial area).

**Red means NO.**

Please continue to place these materials in your regular garbage bin.

~~Animal Waste~~

~~Baby Wipes~~

Baked goods

Bio-degradable Bags (if approved by the Town of Banff)

~~Bones~~

Breads

Butter & margarine

Cake

Candy

~~Cat litter~~

Cereal

Cheese

~~Cigarette butts~~

~~Cigars~~

~~Cleaning products~~

~~Clothing~~

Coffee filters

Coffee grounds

~~Condoms~~

~~Construction materials~~-(wood scraps)

~~Containers~~

Cookies

~~Cooking oils~~

Corn - cobs and husks

Cottage cheese

~~Cotton balls and swabs~~

~~Cotton Swabs~~

~~Dairy products~~

~~Dead Animals~~

~~Demolition waste~~

~~Dental Floss~~

~~Detergents~~

~~Diapers~~

Dough

Eggshells

~~Feces~~-(human and pet)

~~Fertilizers~~

~~Fish & fish parts~~

~~Floss~~

Flour

Flour

~~Foil~~

Fondue

French Fries

Fruit

Fruit peelings

~~Gardening Waste~~

Garlic

~~Gauze~~

~~Glass Metal~~

Grain products

Grains

~~Gravel~~

Gravy & sauces

~~Grease / lard / fat~~

~~Gum~~

Herbs & spices

~~Horse radish~~

~~Hygiene Products~~

~~Ice Cream~~ (should be rinsed down the drain)

~~Incontinence Products~~

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Jams and Jellies

Ketchup

~~Kitty Litter~~

Leaves

Liquids (pour down the drain)

Mayonnaise

~~Meat & meat products~~

Melon - including rinds

Mustard

Nail Clippings

Newspaper (if used as a liner for a food waste container)

Noodles

Nuts & nut shells

Oatmeal

~~Oils~~ (motor)

~~Oils~~ (including cooking oils)

~~Oysters~~

Pancakes

Paper soiled with food

Pasta

Pastries and Pies

Peanut butter

~~Personal Hygiene Products~~

~~Personal hygiene products~~ (e.g. make-up, shampoo)

~~Pesticides~~

~~Pet waste~~

~~Pet waste handling products~~

Pickles

Pineapples and tops

Pitas

Pizza

Pizza

~~Plastic bags~~

~~Plastic of any kind~~

~~Plastic~~ (of any kind including plastic wrap – after removing food waste, place your empty plastic bag in the adjacent garbage bin)

~~Plastic plates and cutlery~~

Popcorn

Popicle sticks (wooden only)

Potato chips

Potatoes

Pretzels

Pumpkins

Relishes

Rice

~~Rocks~~

Salad Dressing

Salads

~~Sandwich Bags~~

Sandwiches

Sauces (strain and rinse liquids down the drain first)

~~Sauces~~

Sauerkraut

~~Sea Food~~

~~Shellfish~~

~~Shrimp~~

Snack foods

~~Soaps~~

~~Soil~~

Soup (strain and rinse liquids down the drain first)

Sour Cream

Spices

Spoiled Foods

Squash

Stuffing

~~Styrofoam~~

~~Styrofoam food-ware~~

Sugar

Syrup

~~Tampons~~

Tea

Tea bags

Toast

Tomatoes

Tortillas

~~Tuna~~

Vegetables

Wax

~~Yard Waste~~

~~Yogurt~~ (any significant volumes can rinse down the drain with dish water)

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