#### YOUR GUIDE TO

# CAMBRIDGE COMPOSTING



Let's keep food scraps out of the landfill.

It's easy. It's free!



### Why compost?

Did you know that food scraps make up 1/3 of household trash? The City's compost program helps:



Keep food scraps out of landfills.



Protect the climate by converting food scraps into clean energy.



Keep rodents out of trash with heavy-duty, locking curbside carts.

### It's easy!

#### FILL IT UP.

Line your kitchen bin with a compostable bag. Drop food scraps in as you prepare meals or clean up.



# DROP IT IN, LOCK IT AND SET IT OUT.

Tie the bag and drop it in your curbside cart (and lock it) for weekly pickup.



# NO COMPOST PICKUP IN YOUR BUILDING?

Visit CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost for drop-off locations.

### What can yo

#### FRUITS & VEGETABLES







#### **MEAT, BONES & SHELLS**







#### TEA BAGS, COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS





What can **NOT** be composted?

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#### DAIRY

#### **CUT FLOWERS**





#### **BREADS & GRAINS**



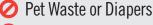




#### **NAPKINS & PAPER TOWELS**







Yard Waste

- Liquids
- Plastic Bags

### FAQS (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

# 1 WON'T COMPOSTING ATTRACT RODENTS?

Curbside carts are made of heavy-duty plastic with locking lids. Harder for rodents to get into than your trash barrel.

2 WON'T IT SMELL?
The kitchen bin is designed to allow moisture and heat to escape—minimizing odors. We recommend changing the bag every 3–4 days.

# 3 WHERE CAN I BUY MORE COMPOSTABLE BAGS?

For a list of local and online vendors, visit: **CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost**You may also use paper bags or compostable produce bags.

# 4 I USE A GARBAGE DISPOSAL. SHOULD I COMPOST INSTEAD?

We recommend residents compost instead of using garbage disposals to reduce risk of costly sewer backups.

# 5 WHAT IF THE COMPOST SERVICE IS NOT CURRENTLY OFFERED AT MY BUILDING?

You can bring your scraps to a local drop-off location. For a list of places, visit: CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost

FOR MORE TIPS: CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost



# **Composting Tips**



#### KEEP IT HANDY.

Store your bin on top of your counter, or under your kitchen sink.



#### **KEEP IT CLEAN.**

Bring food scraps out to your curbside cart every few days to minimize odors. Rinse and dry bin and cart as needed.



#### **KEEP IT LOCKED.**

Lock your curbside cart to keep rodents out.

#### FOR MORE TIPS: CambridgeMA.Gov/Compost

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