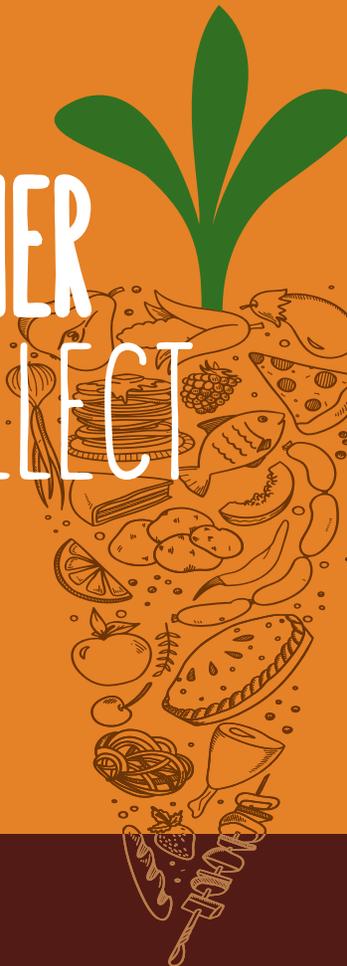




REMINDER

TOGETHER WE COLLECT



TOGETHER WE COMPOST



3 SIMPLE RULES:

- 1. It can be eaten**
(or it is a part of something that is eaten)
- 2. It is made of paper or cardboard**
(clean or dirty, not waxed)
- 3. It's garden waste**
(except branches)

COLLECTION BEGINS:

May 2, 2022

Frequency: weekly from May to October and every two weeks the remainder of the year (check your collections schedule!)

Bin distribution: when the spring thaw occurs

Remember, don't fill your brown bin upon delivery as collection only starts on May 2nd!

What goes in the brown bin?

***Materials that are difficult to process in home composters. Toss them in the brown bin!**

Raw, cooked, or spoiled food

- Coffee and coffee filters, tea and teabags
- Condiments*
- Cookies, candies, desserts*
- Dairy products*
- Eggs and eggshells
- Fish and fish bones*
- Fruits and vegetables
- Herbs and spices
- Meat, poultry, and bones*
- Nuts and shells
- Pasta, bread, grains, rice*
- Pet food*
- Seafood and seashells*
- Vegetable fats and salad dressings*

Soiled paper and cardboard

- Paper handkerchiefs, towels, and napkins*
- Paper tablecloths, plates, cups, etc.*
- Soiled cardboard food containers and packaging (e.g., pizza boxes)*

Yard and plant waste

- Garden waste (except certain noxious or invasive plants)
- Healthy or sick plants, indoor plants, and attached soil
- Leaves and lawn clippings
- Straw and hay
- Twigs*
- Wood chips and sawdust

Other organic materials accepted:

- Cold ashes
- Hair, nails, fur, and feathers
- Toothpicks and wooden popsicle sticks and skewers
- Cat litter (not made of silica) and animal excrement, in bulk or in paper bags only



What NOT to put in your brown bin:

Plastic bags (even those marked biodegradable, oxobiodegradable, or compostable)

- Absorbent pads from meat and fish
- Certain noxious plants (like Common Reed)
- Cigarettes
- Dead animals
- Diapers and personal hygiene products (dental floss, sanitary pads, cotton swabs, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste (HHW, such as waste oil, batteries, paint)
- Plasticized or waxed paper packaging (e.g., ice-cream containers)
- Soil, sand, and gravel (except soil attached to plants)
- Styrofoam
- Textiles
- Tree trunks and stumps
- Vacuum-cleaner waste
- Wood, cement, ceramics, and other CRD (construction, renovation, and demolition) waste

CHANGES TO OTHER COLLECTIONS

Waste collection: collections only every two weeks, even during the summer! Only materials placed in the bins will be accepted.

Green waste: special surplus collections in May and October

Bulky waste: no pickup in March. Starting in April, collection will be only once a month, with the first household waste collection of the month.

ARE YOU ALREADY COMPOSTING AT HOME?

If you're already composting food and yard waste at home, collection of compostable organic materials will fill in some gaps. You can **keep composting** at home and **use** your brown bin as an environmentally friendly way to get rid of any other organic materials your system can't handle (see list of accepted materials).

BEST PRACTICES TO ADOPT

- Place your bin at the curb the day before collection or by 7 a.m. on your collection day
- Place bin with handles and wheels towards the house, at least 1 m (3 feet) away from any object or on either side of the driveway, with the lid closed and nothing on top
- Place materials inside the bin. If extra material is expected, contact the municipality!

For more information (dates, special collections, tips and tricks, etc.), visit villelepeche.qc.ca