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- Coffee grounds/filters and tea bags
- Wooden utensils, chopsticks and toothpicks
- Napkins, pizza boxes and uncoated paper plates
- Small amounts of grease
- Paper bags or newspaper used to collect food scraps

### Why recycle food scraps?

About 40% of all garbage sent to landfills is compostable. Food buried in landfills releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.

About 250,000 tonnes can be kept out of the landfill each year by separating food scraps and other organics from garbage.

### For more information on food scraps recycling

Talk to your landlord or waste and recycling hauler.

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