



# SKAGWAY COMPOSTABLES GUIDE

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COMPOSTABLES LIST	DETAILS
Baked goods (bread, cake, muffins, rolls, pie, etc)	
Bones	Meat or fish bones, only small bones with circumference less than a pinkie finger
Branches, Twigs	Bring to brush pile
Bread, grains, rice, flour	No packaging
Cereal	
Coconut Coir, peat pots	Fibrous materials for plant starts
Coffee filters (paper only)	Plastic, plastic-coated, or cloth filters should go in trash,
Coffee grounds	
Compostable stamped items (bags, to-go boxes, utensils...)	Must say "Compostable", No "Biodegradable" items.
Dairy products (milk, butter, cheese)	No packaging.
Egg cartons (paper pulp type only)	
Eggs, Eggshells	
Fruits	Whole or scraps; cooked or raw; peels, seeds, and pits ok; Remove labels
Grass (untreated)	No grass clippings with dog waste or known use of herbicides; See Sod
Holiday trees (untreated)	No tinsel, ornaments, flocking (fake snow). These go in the brush pile.
House plants (untreated)	Remove from pots
Leaves (untreated)	Composter during operational hours, or to yard waste piles
Manure (Chicken, Horse, Rabbit)	Only manure from primarily herbivorous barnyard animals is accepted for composting. No dog or cat waste.

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Meat	Fish, chicken, beef, etc. No bones larger than a pinkie finger.
Nutshells	
Paper bags or plates (uncoated)	Uncoated only (no plastic coatings)
Paper towels, napkins (clean or food soiled only)	No paper towels soiled with other liquids, or anything potentially toxic
Pasta	Cooked or raw
Pet Food	Both dry and wet pet food ok
Pizza Boxes	Clean or greasy
Plant material (untreated)	Weeds ok; no plant materials with known use of herbicides
Seafood (Fish, Shellfish)	Shells 3" long or smaller, or crushed
Sod (untreated)	Small amounts (less than 60 lbs)
Straws (Paper only)	All other straws are considered trash.
Tea leaves	NO TEA BAGS (they contain synthetic fibers)
Vegetables	Whole or scraps; cooked or raw; peels ok; remove labels
Wood Scraps (untreated)	Must be longer than 2 feet, untreated, unpainted, clean, with nails or hardware removed. Will be chipped for composter.

NON-COMPOSTABLES	DETAILS
Aluminum or metal cans	Aluminum is acceptable in recycling bins. Tin/Steel cans currently trash for incineration.
Automotive fluids (Oil, antifreeze, etc.)	Collected as annual Haz-Mat for free
Band-aids, bandages, or other medical waste	Place in household trash for incineration (except Syringes, see below)

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Batteries	Consult the Solid Waste & Recycling Directory
Bones	Bones larger than a pinkie finger, place in household trash for incineration
Bottle caps	Place in household trash for incineration
Boxboard	Place in household trash for incineration
Cigarette butts	Place in household trash for incineration
Cord (nylon), wire, plastic banding	Place in household trash for incineration
Dead animals	Contact Public Works
Diapers	Place in household trash for incineration
Dryer Lint, or Dryer sheets	May contain synthetic fibers, place in household trash for incineration
Feminine Sanitary Products	Place in household trash for incineration
Food cartons (coated or waxed)	Place in household trash for incineration
Garden or yard accessories	Tarps, plastic row covers, floating row covers (reemay); place in household trash for incineration
Grease, oil and fat (from cooking)	Drop off at Waste Water Treatment Plant, it's recycled into biofuel
Gum	Place in household trash for incineration
Hoses	Place in household trash for incineration
Household trash	Collected for incineration
Labels	Little round or oval stickers on produce
Microwave popcorn bags	Place in household trash for incineration
Paper cups and plates (coated)	Place in household trash for incineration
Paper, white or colored	Place in household trash for incineration

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Pet waste & litter (carnivorous pets)	(Dogs, cats, etc) Must be doubled bagged or in a bucket, and placed in trash or self-hauled to the composter building for incineration for free. NOT COMPOSTABLE.
Pills, medication or vitamin supplements	Prescription drugs, OTC medicine, vitamins, vitamin powder, liquid vitamins, etc.
Plant Material (Contaminated)	Any plant material that is contaminated by chemicals or pet waste should go to the incinerator.
Plastics	Ex: bags, bottles, utensils, plant nursery pots, containers, cups, trays, straws
Q-tip cotton swabs or similar	Place in household trash for incineration
Rocks and gravel	Place in waste rock pile
Straws	Place in household trash for incineration. Only paper straws are compostable.
Styrofoam containers	Place in household trash for incineration
Syringes	Must be dropped off at the Clinic, in containers provided by the Clinic.
Tea bags	No tea bags (they contain synthetic fibers)
Tissue, facial (Kleenex) or Toilet	Place in household trash for incineration
Toxins (paint, solvents)	Consult Haz Mat flyer
Wood Scraps, Shavings, Or Sawdust	No Shavings or Sawdust will be accepted. Painted, stained, or treated wood shavings, scraps, and sawdust go in the garbage. Put sawdust and shavings in a bag and tie off.