



# Green Cart Tips

## Here are some helpful green cart tips:

- **NO PLASTICS PLEASE:** We can not screen out all non-compostable plastic. So things like regular, clear plastic bags and plastic grocery bags are not permitted in the program, as they contaminate finished compost.
- **WRAP IT UP:** You can line your green cart with newspaper, paper bags or paper towel. It helps to wrap particularly wet food scraps in newspaper. Newspaper absorbs extra moisture and helps with odours. Generally, the cost of paper bag liners are:  
\$3 - \$3.50 for 5 large bags  
\$2 - \$2.50 for 6 kitchen container bags
- **FREEZE IT:** While it may not appeal to everyone, on extra hot days, you can store well-wrapped organic waste separately in the deep freeze and place the frozen organics in your green cart on collection day. This will stop smells and keep pests away.
- **IF YOU HAVE TO:** While we prefer newspaper, paper bags or paper towel, some customers may still want to use bio-degradable plastic liners. For now, we will only accept those liners bearing the following logo, proving Biodegradable Products Institute standards:



The following brands are certified:

- Al-Pack
- Compost-a-Bag
- BioBag
- Eco Film and Eco Works
- Maximum and Rack Sack
- Comp-Lete
- BioSak
- Bio-Tuf
- InteGreen
- Natur-Tec
- Compo-Bags
- EcoSafe-6400
- Husky EcoGuard Lawn and Leaf Bags

- **ANY AMOUNT WILL DO:** Empty the contents of your kitchen container into your green cart frequently – every two to three days, or when it is full. Make sure you place your cart at the curb each week, whether it is full or not.
- **A SPRINKLE A DAY KEEPS THE ODOURS AWAY:** Sprinkle baking soda on your food scraps or mix with water to form a cleaning paste. Then you can scrub your empty green cart and have it smelling like new.
- **WATER YOUR CART:** Regular rinsing of your empty kitchen container and green cart will keep it clean. Andrew Feener of Mobile Spray and Wash cleans carts for a fee and his contact details are as follows: 527-8701 or 543-2480. We do not endorse his services; however, his contact details are included, as it is the only known local cart cleaning service.
- **TAKE COVER:** Store the green cart in the garage or outside, preferably in a shaded area.

For the past number of years a product called Bio-Solo has been widely available for sale along the South Shore. This product is not breaking down in our composting system and is no longer accepted. If you have some in your cupboard, you can use them up, but please do not buy any more.

If you have any questions, please call Public Outreach, Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre at 543-2913.

## Where?

Paper bags liners and certified compostable bags are available at most major grocery stores in your area. This includes Sobeys, Superstore, Save Easy, Home Hardware, Bridgewater Wal-Mart and Canadian Tire.

Do your part and help the planet!

