

WHAT CAN I PUT IN THE NEW FOOD WASTE BINS AT THE HARWICH TRANSFER STATION? (STARTING JULY 1, 2024)

YES

Food waste

- LEFTOVERS
- SPOILED FOODS
- FRUITS AND VEGGIES (incl. stems, skins, pits, seeds, corn cobs, fruit from trees) (stickers removed)
- EGGS & EGGSHELLS
- MEAT & SEAFOOD (incl. bones, shells, & raw)
- LOBSTER SHELLS (makes the compost rich)
- DAIRY (cheese, yogurt, etc.)
- PASTA, GRAINS, BREAD
- COOKIES, CAKE, CANDY
- NUTS AND COCONUT SHELLS
- COOKING OILS & GREASE (liquids go in a non-glass container on top of the bin to be poured out. If it solidifies in the container, we cannot take it. Solidified oil/fat goes into the bin)
- COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS
- BPI, CMA, OK Compost CERTIFIED COFFEE PODS*

Household Items

- WOOD (toothpicks, popsicle sticks, chopsticks, sawdust, small wood fruit containers)
- NATURAL WOOD ASH (no Kingsford, Matchlight or similar charcoal, nor synthetic log)
- WINE CORKS (cork not plastic)
- PET FOOD
- PET WASTE FROM RABBIT, CHICKEN, GUINEA PIG, HAMSTER & BIRD (incl. bedding) (no dog or cat)
- HAIR, FUR (human & animal)
- PUMPKIN (remove candle and decorations)

Food Soiled Paper & Compostables

- NAPKINS & PAPER TOWELS (incl. bleached) (used on food or w/ organic certified household cleaner)
- COMPOSTABLE TABLEWARE: CUPS, PLATES, UTENSILS (must be certified compostable*)
- NEWSPAPER for wrapping food (otherwise recycle)
- PARCHMENT PAPER (certified*)

NO

Packaging

- ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC: cups, containers, candy wrappers, chip bags, shopping bags, garbage bags, produce bags, plastic wrap, ABSOLUTELY NO CARTONS: milk, juice, ice cream, shelf-stable cream, broth and soup containers (they have hidden plastic and foil components)
- **NO PRODUCE STICKERS**, RUBBER BANDS, TIES
- NO MEAL BOX INSULATION
- NO BIODEGRADABLE PACKING PEANUTS
- NO TAKEOUT CONTAINERS & CUPS (most are not compostable, check if certified compostable*)

Household Items

- NO BODILY FLUIDS (blood, mucus, snot)
- NO USED COMPOSTABLE DIAPERS (sorry)
- NO DOG OR CAT WASTE (incl. cat litter)
- NO DEAD ANIMALS
- NO LAUNDRY LINT & DRYER SHEETS
- NO DENTAL FLOSS, Q-TIPS, SANITARY PRODUCTS

Paper & Cardboard

- NO PIZZA BOXES (unless stamped BPI cert.)
- NO PLASTIC OR WAXED CARDBOARD
- NO WAX OR PARCHMENT PAPER (unless certified*)
- NO CHEMICALLY SOILED PAPER (baby & disinfectant wipes, paper used with chemical cleaners, house paint, machine oil, etc.)

*Compostable products must be BPI, CMA or OK Compost certified. Items that say biodegradable, compostable or ASTM-6400 alone are NOT accepted. Look for these logos, check the search tool on each website, or contact the product company if unsure.

