

## Not allowed



- \* Mussel and oyster shells ;
- \* Diapers, tampons, sanitary napkins ;
- \* Q-tips, cotton battings, cosmetic pads, baby towels ;
- \* Vacuum cleaner dust ;
- \* Fabric softener sheets and drier fluff ;
- \* Cigarette butts ;
- \* BBQ briquettes ;
- \* Creosote ;
- \* Rocks, stone, gravel ;
- \* Dead animals ;
- \* Paper and cardboard soaked with engine oil, paint or other dangerous products ;
- \* Medicine ;
- \* Waxed cardboard containers (frozen meals, ice cream, etc.) ;
- \* Plastic bags and any other plastic materials ;
- \* Textiles and otherwise recyclable materials.

### Cedar trimmings:

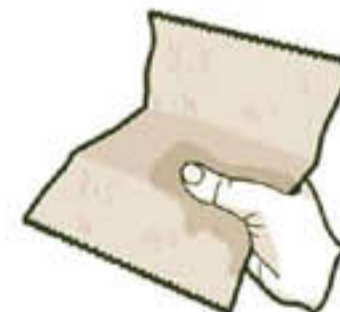
Cedar branches do not compost very easily. Contact a recycler instead. Refer to the MRC Website.



## Accepted



- ✓ Fruits and vegetables (raw or cooked, whole, peelings, cores, corn cobs, etc.) ;
- ✓ Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags ;
- ✓ Bread, cereals, pastry ;
- ✓ Meat, fish, seafoods, bones ;
- ✓ Milk products ;
- ✓ Egg shells ;
- ✓ Table scraps ;
- ✓ Moldy foods (WITHOUT the packaging) ;
- ✓ Dead leaves and conifer needles ;
- ✓ Flowers, plants, weeds and garden refuse ;
- ✓ Grass (but it's best left on the lawn : Grasscycling) ;
- ✓ Branches less than 2 cm ( $\frac{3}{4}$  in) in diameter and less than 60 cm (2 feet) in length ;
- ✓ Sawdust, bark, wood chips (NON-treated and NON-painted) ;
- ✓ Paper or cardboard soiled by food (paper towels, napkins, Kleenex, paper tablecloths, pizza boxes, paper plates) ;
- ✓ Shredded paper ;
- ✓ Pet litter and excrement ;
- ✓ COLD or wet ashes.



## Where to buy compostable bags ?

### Big paper bags for leaves

- Available in any hardware stores

### Small bags for kitchen use

- IGA Coaticook
- Provigo, Coaticook
- Marché Grégoire, Compton
- Marché Garneau, Waterville
- IGA Stanstead



**For further information :**  
**Contact your municipality or**  
**The MRC de Coaticook**  
**(819) 849-9166**  
**[www.mrcdecoaticook.qc.ca](http://www.mrcdecoaticook.qc.ca)**

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Waste (BMW) program  
MRC Coaticook**



## Did you know that...

About 50 % of material presently sent to the sanitary landfill site is biodegradable ?

Organic materials are responsible for the production of biogas in landfill sites (0,6 m<sup>3</sup>/kg or 10 pi<sup>3</sup>/lb).

Composting produces 20 times less of greenhouse gases than does burying garbage.

Burying garbage costs more than double that composting.

Biodegradable materials sorted at source by residents produces a compost of excellent quality.

Material collected in the brown bins will be transformed into compost to be distributed to the municipalities and residents.

*The quality of compost depends on each of us !!!*



## Instructions

### In the house

- Place your small container in a place where you can access it easily ;
- Put materials directly in the small kitchen container ;
- Rinse the container after you have emptied it ;
- You can use paper bag in the container.

**ATTENTION : NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE ACCEPTABLE**



### The brown roll-out bins

- Place newspaper or cardboard at the bottom of the bin (on the grate) ;
- Place the materials in bulk in the brown bin ;
- When necessary, rinse out the bin with water and ordinary soap.

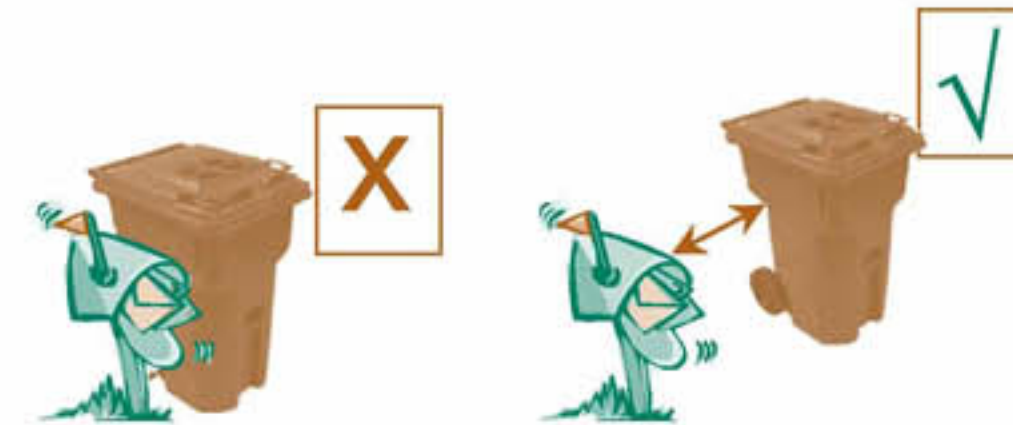


### At collection time

- Place the bin at the edge of the road, opening towards the road (see your local collection calendar for dates) ;
- Leave a minimum space of 50 cm (18 in) between any bins ;



- Make sure mailboxes are accessible ;



- In autumn, leaves may be left in PAPER bags next to the bin.

**PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**



## To reduce odours

- The brown bin is furnished with aeration holes and the bottom is clear of the ground to facilitate air circulation, reducing odours ;
- Don't leave the bin in the sun ;
- Wrap meats and left-overs in a brown bag or newspaper ;
- Alternate wet and dry (leaves) materials ;
- Keep smelly residues (meat) in the refrigerator or freeze to place in the bin just before collection ;
- If you do not practice grasscycling (that is, leaving the clippings on the lawn), cut the grass one or two days before collection.

