

## Way to Go Mulgrave



Since September 2016, residents have diverted over 90 metric tonnes or 93,000 kilograms of food and yard waste from the landfill. The stuff you put in the cart is made into grade A compost. Composting reduces green house gas emissions from landfill. Plus, so much more when the finished compost is added to soil.

Those reducing food waste get the gold star. They are saving money and reducing their carbon footprint more than composting alone. Only you can truly measure how well you are doing at reducing food waste. Tips on food waste reduction, information on expiry dates and more can be found at [lovefoodhatewaste.ca](http://lovefoodhatewaste.ca).

## ORGANICS Collection Green Cart Tips

- If possible, store the green cart outside in a ventilated, shady and convenient area, away from outdoor activity.
- Place balled up paper such as newspaper or boxboard on the bottom of the cart at the beginning of each new cycle to help absorb moisture.
- Soiled paper items or boxboard may be torn into smaller pieces; this will absorb some of the moisture and it will increase space available in the cart.
- Be sure to keep the cover of the cart closed when not filling.
- Place the green cart at roadside on collection day by 8 AM even if it is not full.
- Periodically hose the cart using a mild detergent immediately after collection.

### **Spring/Summer Tips:**

- Insects and their eggs may come into your home on fresh produce. Wash fruits and vegetables to help control insects.
- Also to minimize fruit flies, you can rub the inside of your kitchen container with vinegar.
- It is important to keep the green cart dry to reduce potential insects and odour.
  - Always drain excess liquid from food as you normally would if you were placing it in a bag for collection.
  - It is best to wrap wet food waste, especially meat, fat, solid dairy products, chicken, shells and fish scraps in a sheet of newsprint or place in a paper box such as a cereal box. Paper bags can also be purchased from most grocery stores.
  - Wait to empty wet food waste into the green cart as near to collection day as possible.

If you have questions about composting, call 1-888-232-2316.

**Waste Management Social Distancing Requirement:**  
Remember to give your waste collector space.

