

# How do you correctly separate organic waste?

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You've heard in our last video that there are four "final destinations" for the collecting phase of organic waste in your household. And, while they all follow similar guidelines, there are some differences between what is and what isn't allowed to be collected for each of the "final destinations".

When municipal waste is considered, generally, you may dispose of all your organic waste. However, your local waste-collecting providers may provide more specific rules. Here we must point out that no inorganic waste is allowed in municipal bio containers. As such, you should never collect organic waste in plastic bags. Plastics are not organic. A single plastic bag in a bio container compromises the entire batch. So, use no bags at all.

Suppose we now focus on open-air composting with a traditional composting pile. In that case, this method of organic waste collection is suitable for all food leftovers EXCEPT meat scraps, bones, dairy products, grease and even cooked food.

As far as the bokashi composting goes, it has fewer limitations. It can properly process all food leftovers EXCEPT liquids and large bones into your organic waste bin. This means that bokashi composters can manage even trickier materials, such as banana peels, citruses, cooked food, dairy products, eggshells, fruit, meat, onions, seaweed, walnut leaves, and even wool.

Also, note that in order to get the most out of composting, it is recommended to cut larger pieces into smaller ones. This is especially important when you commit to Bokashi composting. That way, the fermentation process runs quicker and smoother.

Nonetheless, if you decide to use bokashi composting in combination with the other collection methods, you get to focus on the guidelines for bokashi composting. The latter will properly process all of the previously-mentioned organic materials. When fermented mass, also known as bokashi cake, is ready, it can be placed in either municipal containers or traditional composting piles.