

SITE LOCATION AND HOURS:

Alexandria - Central Drop Site
Pope/Douglas Recycling Center
Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Alexandria - North Drop Site
Habitat for Humanity/ReStore parking lot Open 24/7/365

Brandon Drop Site
Veteran's Park -south side of building Open 24/7/365

Ida/Garfield Drop Site
Ida Township Hall parking lot Open 24/7/365

Long Beach Drop Site
Minnewaska House parking lot Open 24/7/365

Starbuck Drop Site
City hall parking lot Open 24/7/365

Villard Drop Site
Behind Community Center Open 24/7/365

Miltona Drop Site
Faith Lutheran Church parking lot Open 24/7/365



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CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Only certified compostable products are accepted. Compostable bags can be purchased at local grocery stores, hardware stores and online. Items without the certification may be lined with plastic or other noncompostable material. Avoid purchasing products without the certification or those labeled as 'degradable', 'biodegradable' or 'made from plants.' When purchasing bags and compostable foodware, look for the following labels.



PURCHASE COMPOSTABLE BAGS

Use a paper bag or *certified* compostable bag to reduce odor and mess.

Ace Hardware - Alexandria (763-5200)
Elden's Fresh Food - Alexandria (763-3446)
Grain Bin - Alexandria (763-6876)
Tom's Market - Glenwood (634-4554)
Tom's Market - Starbuck (239-2811)
Various on-line options exist

Organics Recycling

Drop Off Sites



ITEMS ACCEPTED:

FOOD SCRAPS

- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Meat, fish and bones
- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Eggs and egg shells
- ✓ Pasta, beans and rice
- ✓ Bread and cereal
- ✓ Nuts and shells



NONRECYCLABLE PAPER

- ✓ Pizza boxes from delivery
- ✓ Napkins, paper towels and tissues
- ✓ Paper egg cartons

CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

- ✓ Compostable paper and plastic cups, plates, bowls, utensils and containers
- ✓ Look for the BPI or Cedar Grove logos when purchasing these items



OTHER COMPOSTABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Coffee grounds and filters
- ✓ Hair and nail clippings
- ✓ Cotton balls and swabs with paper stems
- ✓ Houseplants and flowers
- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Wooden items such as chopsticks, popsicle sticks and toothpicks



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Animal and pet waste, litter or bedding; cleaning or baby wipes, diapers and sanitary products, dryer lint and dryer sheets, fast food wrappers, frozen food boxes, gum, grease or oil, household trash, products labeled "biodegradable," microwave popcorn bags, recyclable items (cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic), Styrofoam, yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, sod, branches, stumps and logs.

Weekly yard waste collection is available through subscription through your waste hauler. Some cities operate their own yard waste drop site.

TIPS FOR ORGANICS RECYCLING:

PREVENT ODOR

Use a pail with a vented lid, keeping your container in the fridge or freezer, rinse your pail periodically and drop off your organics at least once each week.

ADDRESSING FRUIT FLIES

Fruit flies come from fruit peels whether in your fruit basket, trash can or organics container. Keep your organics container in the fridge or freezer to help prevent fruit flies.



HOW TO GET STARTED:

1. Check out popedouglasrecycle.com or stop into the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Office to keep up to date.
2. Place an organics container in a convenient location to scrap leftovers/peelings into.
 - Use an ice cream bucket, coffee container or yogurt tub, or purchase a kitchen countertop organics container.
 - Line your container with a paper bag or certified compostable bag.
 - Using **certified compostable** bags makes it easier to transport the organics from your home to the drop-off location and helps reduce odor and mess. Loose food scraps are not accepted.
3. Collect food and nonrecyclable paper products.
 - A list of **acceptable** and **unacceptable** items is listed on the left.
4. Tie the bag shut and bring to the organics recycling drop-off location.
5. Get others on-board!
6. Plant a garden or join a community garden!
7. Share the extra produce with friends, neighbors or the United Way 'Plant an Extra Row' program.

COLLECT AROUND THE HOUSE

Collect toothpicks, cotton balls and houseplant trimmings from the bathroom, living room, kitchen and all parts of your home.

LABEL YOUR CONTAINER

Label your container so everyone in the household knows how to sort their waste. Free labels/signs are available at popedouglasrecycle.com or stop by the office.