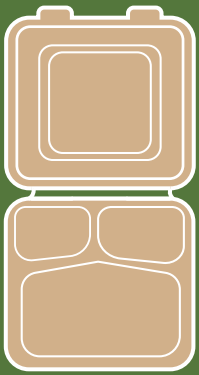


WHAT CAN I COMPOST

**COMPOST ALL FOOD & TO-GO ITEMS
LABELED COMPOSTABLE***



**To Go
Containers**



**Tissues &
Paper Towels**



**Vegetables &
Fruits**



Plants



**Coffee Grounds
& Tea Bags**



**Wooden Stirrers
& Chopsticks**



**To Go
Coke Cup**



**Meat, Egg Shells,
& Dairy**



Napkins



**Greasy Pizza
Boxes**

***NOT ALL TO-GO ITEMS CAN BE COMPOSTED SO
MAKE SURE TO CHECK BEFORE YOU THROW**

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS...

1

SEPARATE OUT YOUR ORGANIC WASTE

All organic materials are compostable. That means all food waste, coffee grounds, napkins, and some to-go items labeled as compostable at the dining hall. It is harmful to incorrectly compost an item because it could cause all the items in the bin to be landfilled.

Please remember when in doubt, throw it out.

2

FOLLOW GUIDANCE ON HOW TO COMPOST

- Make sure to place the provided compostable bag in your bin
- Place organic waste in your bin
- Empty frequently!
 - Twice a week is recommended
 - When you place a lot of wet foods in the bin
 - If it smells
- Take your bagged waste to the drop-off area in True Grits or The Commons! If the bag feels like it is going to leak or break, make sure to keep your bag in the bin when traveling to the drop off area.
- If you run out of compostable bags make sure to go to the information desk of your residential hall or the Apartment Community Center.
- Clean your bin if a compost bag leaks or breaks.

3

REPEAT AND STAY CONSISTENT!

Starting to separate out your organic waste can be difficult at first, but with a little bit of time it becomes second nature. Remember that you are required to return your bin before moving out in the spring.

If you would like to opt out of the program at any time for any reason, please email the Office of Sustainability at sustainability@umbc.edu to return your bin.

THINK BEFORE YOU THROW...

The following items do not belong in the compost!



recyclables

You should never place anything recyclable in the compost bin.



liquids

Liquids should not go in the compost. Pour down the sink.



packaging

Almost all food packaging is not compostable.



PPE

Gloves, sanitizing wipes, & disposable masks go in the trash.

Follow the code below for more info:

