

# Q Gardens Community Composting

@ East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, corner with Church Ave.

Help us make nutrient-rich compost, not landfills!

## Food scrap drop off hours:

Saturdays, 10:30am -12:30pm

Sundays, 2-4pm

## Sidewalk Bin Hours:

Before drop-off hours on  
Saturdays & Sunday

When the weather is bad or you are in doubt, check our up-to-date calendar at [qgardens.org](http://qgardens.org)!

\* **Heads up:** We compost year-round, but take quarterly 2-week breaks—always stay tuned!

## WE TAKE:



FRUIT & VEGGIE  
SCRAPS



COFFEE GROUNDS & TEA  
LEAVES



EGG & NUT SHELLS



GRAINS & SEEDS



CUT FLOWERS



NON-DISEASED DRY  
PLANTS & POTTING SOIL

**WE ALSO TAKE,  
BUT ASK THAT  
YOU ALWAYS  
SHRED, CUT, OR  
TEAR UP:**



PAPER BAGS & TOWELS



CORN HUSKS



STALE BREAD

These items are hard to chop, and bread & crunched paper tend to make anaerobic clumps.

**THANK YOU!**

# WE DO NOT TAKE:

MEAT, CHICKEN, FISH; DAIRY PRODUCTS; GREASY FOOD; WAXY PAPER; TEA BAGS; PESTICIDE-TREATED, DISEASED, OR PEST INFESTED PLANTS; COMPOSTABLE BAGS (THEY ONLY WORK IN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS)

## OPTIONS FOR PREPARING & STORING YOUR SCRAPS:

### CHOP

Cut up scraps into about 1.5 or 2 inch pieces. This gives microorganisms more surface area to work on. And, remember, always shred paper, corn husks, bread.

### STORE & CART IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS WHEN POSSIBLE

### FREEZE OR REFRIGERATE

Chopped frozen scraps are much easier to process than solid frozen stuff! Thawing before drop-off works too!

### OR LEAVE OUT AT ROOM TEMP

If not sealed shut, add browns like shredded paper or dry leaves to keep odors down; if sealed, prepare to add browns immediately when dropping off!

## TIPS FOR DROPPING OFF SCRAPS:



**NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE SIDEWALK BIN**



**NO COMPOSTABLE BAGS (NO GO IN OUR SYSTEM)**



**NO BAGS WITHIN BAGS**

**Q Gardens is completely volunteer-run!**  
Please follow these guidelines to help our awesome volunteers make compost.

Want to volunteer? Write to [compostcoords4qg@googlegroups.com](mailto:compostcoords4qg@googlegroups.com)