

# Curbside Food/Yard Waste

Wondering what goes in your brown food/yard waste container? Check out a list of the most common accepted and not accepted items. For a full list visit us at [TacomaRecycles.org](http://TacomaRecycles.org).

## ACCEPTED

- Beauty bark (clean)
- Branches (broken down to fit in container)
- Food waste:
  - Breads, grains, pasta and cereal
  - Fruits and vegetables
  - Meat, poultry and seafood – including bones
  - Dairy and eggs – including shells
  - Leftovers and kitchen scraps – including coffee grounds and filters
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Prunings
- Weeds/roots (dirt shaken off)

## NOT ACCEPTED

- Bagged yard waste
- Cat litter
- Dirt, rocks or sod
- Lumber
- Manure
- Stumps or logs

Materials not accepted as yard waste can be recycled or disposed of at the Tacoma Transfer and Recovery Center.

## YARD WASTE AT THE LANDFILL

City of Tacoma residential solid waste customers may recycle yard waste at the Tacoma Transfer and Recovery Center (formerly Tacoma Landfill) for no additional charge. The same items accepted/not accepted curbside also apply to self-hauled yard waste. Mixed loads of yard waste and garbage will be charged as garbage.

*Find out more about our services at*  
**[TacomaRecycles.org](http://TacomaRecycles.org)**

# Set-out guidelines

Please follow these guidelines when preparing for curbside or alley pickup:

- **Set container(s) out by 7 a.m.** on your pickup day.
- **Set container(s) four (4) feet from any obstructions**, such as other containers, vehicles, telephone poles, fences and buildings.
- Place container(s) with the **lid opening toward the street or alley**.
- **Container(s) cannot weigh over 250 pounds and the lid must sit flat on top.** If you overfill your container, you will be charged an additional fee.
- If you leave **extra garbage** within five (5) feet of your container(s), we will pick it up and charge your account an additional fee.
- **Remove container(s) from the curb or alley** after contents have been collected.

If you forget to put your container(s) out in time for pickup, call us at (253) 502-2100. We will try to pick it up the same day. An additional fee may apply.

