



New NYC COMPOST RULES

Starting April 1, 2025, all New York City residents must separate food scraps and food-soiled paper from regular trash.

What to Compost

- **All food scraps:** Fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, prepared foods
- **Food-soiled paper:** Napkins, tea bags, paper plates, coffee filters, greasy uncoated pizza boxes
- **Yard waste:** Leaves, grass clippings, twigs, branches
- **Certified compostable items:** Utensils, trays

What NOT to Compost

- Pet waste, medical waste, diapers, hygiene products
- Glass, metal, rigid plastic, beverage cartons
- Plastic wrappers, foam
- Clean paper or cardboard

How to Comply

- **Use designated compost bins:**
 - Use any labeled bin (55 gallons or less) with a secure lid
 - Or use your DSNY-issued brown bin
- **Do NOT use black plastic bags**
- **Buildings with 4+ units:**
 - Property owners/managers must provide a **designated, labeled compost area**
- **Additional options:**
 - Drop off scraps at DSNY food scrap sites
 - Use the NYC Compost App to locate and unlock bins



COMPOST

Fines & Enforcement (Starting 4/1/2025)

BUILDINGS WITH:

8 units or fewer

1st offense: \$25
2nd offense: \$50
3rd+ offense: \$100

9+ units

1st offense: \$100
2nd offense: \$200
3rd+ offense: \$300

The Department of Sanitation will issue summonses for violations.

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