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Help Denver cut down on landfill waste by signing up for compost service today! To learn more about composting in Denver, [click here](#).

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Sign-up for Denver's Free Weekly Compost Service

Good news! The City and County of Denver is introducing free, citywide compost service to all remaining neighborhoods in Denver during the first quarter of 2025. If you use the City of Denver's solid waste collection services, you can now sign up to receive a green compost cart.

Compost carts are offered in two sizes (65 or 95 gallons) and will be collected weekly. Letters with instructions on how to sign up for compost service have been mailed to all remaining solid waste customers. All requests received by Jan. 10 will be delivered by the end of March. If you miss the initial Jan. 10 deadline, you can still opt in and receive your preferred cart size after the accelerated delivery initiative is complete.

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Sorting Guidelines & Compost Rollout Flyer: [Click here to download](#)



DON'T WASTE the GOOD STUFF! ¡NO DESPERDICIES las COSAS BUENAS!

COMPOST THESE ITEMS IN YOUR GREEN CART
COMPOST ESTOS ARTICULOS EN SU CARRITO VERDE

Food Scraps | Restos de comida

Baked Goods, Coffee Grounds, Dairy, Eggshells, Fruits & Vegetables, Meat & Bones, Prepared Food, Spiced or Waxy Food
Pueden compostarse: panes de café, productos lácteos, cáscaras de huevo, fresas y verduras, carnes y huesos, alimentos preparados, especias y espesantes y aceites

Yard Debris | Escombros de jardín

Branches, Bark, Flowers, Grass Clippings, Leaves, Potatoes, Pine Needles, Weeds
Branzas, corteza, flores, residuos de césped, hojas, papas, agujas de pino, paja, setos secas

Small CMAA approved/compostables bags accepted (3 gallons or less). No other packaging accepted in Denver's green compost carts. (Se aceptan bolsas compostables pequeñas aprobadas por CMAA) (menos de 3 galones o menos). No se aceptan otros envases en los carros de abono verde de Denver.

**RECYCLE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR PURPLE CART
RECICLA ESTOS ARTICULOS EN TU CARRITO MORADO**

**Bottles & Cans
Botellas y latas**

Aluminum & Steel Cans, Glass Bottles, Plastic Bottles, Aerosol Cans
Latas de aluminio y acero, botellas de vidrio, botellas de plástico, latas de aerosol

**Boxes
Cajas**

Cardboard (flattened), Food Boxes, Paper Shoe Boxes, Box Grapes, Pizza Boxes
Cajas de cartón (aplanadas), cajas de comida, cajas de zapatos de papel, cajas de pizza y grandes

**Paper
Papel**

Food & Beverage Cartons, Magazines, Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Paper Cups
Cajas para alimentos y bebidas, revistas, papel de alta calidad, periódicos, vasos de papel

**Plastic Containers
Contenedores de plástico**

Canteens, Bottles, Tubs, Pails, Jars
Cántaros, botellas, cubetas, cubos, tarros, jarras

Please make sure all containers are empty! | Por favor, asegúrese de que todos los contenedores estén vacíos.

NO!

Refrigerators | neveras
Stoves | hornos
Ovens | hornos
Cupboards | gabinetes de cocina
Chest freezers | congeladores de pecho
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Hey Denver!

Weekly compost collection is coming to your neighborhood.
La recolección semanal de compost se está extendiendo por barrios.

We're adding free weekly compost service to your neighborhood!

- This service is FREE with your Solid Waste service! You just need to sign up to receive a cart.
- Go to your Denver Utilities Online account or call 311 to select your cart size for delivery.
- Compost collection is simple! Put food scraps and yard trimmings in your compost cart. You can also use small, CMAA approved compostable bags.
- Download the Denver Trash and Recycling App or visit denvergov.org/Cartman to learn what to put in your new compost cart.
- Scan the QR code to learn more!

Learn more about phased compost rollout at denvergov.org/compost

¡Estamos agregando un servicio de compost **gratis** a su vecindario!

- Este servicio es GRATIS con los servicios de Residuos Sólidos. Solo necesitas registrarte para recibir un carro.
- Vaya a su cuenta de Denver Utilities Online o llame al 311 para seleccionar el tamaño de su carro para la entrega.
- La recolección de abono es sencilla ¡ponga restos de comida y restos de jardín en su carrito de abono! También puedes usar bolsas compostables pequeñas aprobadas por la CMAA.
- Descarga la aplicación gratuita Denver Trash and Recycling o visite denvergov.org/Cartman para saber qué poner en su nuevo carro de abono.
- Escanee el código QR para obtener más información!

Más información sobre la implementación gradual del servicio de compostaje en denvergov.org/compost

Let Us Cover Your Route.

Permitanos cubrir su ruta.

Rebates are available
Trash collection service is billed quarterly and is based on the size of your trash cart. Weekly recycling and compost services are included at no extra cost. If you need help, financial assistance is available.

Denver is one of only a few cities in the United States to provide a discount on waste services for low-income households. Eligibility for the instant rebate is based on household income and the number of people in the home.

Who's eligible?
Customers may qualify for 50%, 75%, or 100% off their bill. Visit us online to view annual income requirements.

Apply now!
Visit denvergov.org/rapidrecollection or scan the QR code for the rebate application and information about rebates.

Request a paper application:
email: TrashRebate@denvergov.org or call: 720.944.2350

Descuentos disponibles
El servicio de recolección de basura se factura trimestralmente y se basa en el tamaño de su contenedor de basura. Los servicios semanales de reciclaje y compostaje están incluidos sin costo adicional. Si necesita ayuda, ofrecemos asistencia financiera.

Denver es una de las pocas ciudades de Estados Unidos que ofrece descuentos en los servicios de recolección de basura a los hogares con bajos ingresos. Los requisitos para optar al descuento instantáneo se basan en los ingresos de la unidad familiar y en el número de personas que viven en la casa.

¿Quién es elegible?
Los clientes pueden optar a descuentos del 50%, 75% o 100% en su factura. Visítanos en línea para consultar los requisitos de ingresos anuales.

¡Inscríbase ahora!
Visite denvergov.org/rapidrecollection o escanee el código QR para obtener la solicitud de reembolso e información sobre rebates.

Pida una solicitud en papel:
por correo electrónico: TrashRebate@denvergov.org o por teléfono: 720.944.2350

Frequently Asked Questions

When will residents get their compost carts?

Solid Waste will send a letter to customers that do not yet have compost service available with information and instructions to select a cart size. Residents will be given the option to “opt-in” to service by selecting the cart size they want via Denver Utilities Online account, 311 case, or return mail. Solid Waste will also offer “come and get it” events to allow for self-service. All requests received by January 10 will be delivered by the end of March. Should a resident miss the initial deadline, they are still able to opt in and will receive their preferred cart size after the accelerated delivery initiative is complete.

Residents can go to denvergov.org/CompostRollout for more information and should look out for a letter in December with instructions to select their cart.

Can I request a cart after the initial rollout process has ended in my neighborhood?

Yes! To be included in the first round of cart deliveries, you must request your cart by the deadline stated in your compost rollout letter. Cart selections made after that date will be delivered after we complete the initial requests. Solid Waste will not deliver a compost cart until we receive your cart selection. Not sure if you received a letter? Visit denvergov.org/CompostRollout!

I am a renter. Can I request a compost cart, or does my landlord have to request it?

If you are a renter who uses the City and County of Denver’s waste collection services, you can request a compost cart in one of the following ways:

- If the utility services for your address are registered to your name, you can request a compost cart through your Denver Utilities Online (DUO) account.



- If the utility services are registered to your landlord's name, call 311 and ask for Solid Waste Customer Service to request a compost cart.
- Return the form in the letter you receive using the return envelope provided.
- Bring the letter and proof of address to the Cart Maintenance facility during operating hours (2013 S. Osage St, Monday-Friday 8am-2pm).

When does collection service start after I receive my compost cart?

Right away! You can start setting your compost cart out for collection the week following delivery. Compost is collected on the same day as trash and recycling and should be set out with your recycling. Note that any carts picked up at the cart maintenance facility will not be collected for weekly service until February 3.

Are businesses and apartments eligible for compost collection?

Compost service is available only to residential customers of Denver's Solid Waste Management division. Apartment buildings with seven or fewer units are serviced by Solid Waste Management, but larger apartments are not. For information about Waste No More, which applies to larger apartment complexes, restaurants, office buildings, and other commercial facilities, visit the [Waste No More page](#).

Solid Waste Management is only authorized to provide services to residential homes of seven or fewer units. Please visit our [Apartment and Multi-family Recycling page](#) for information on trash, recycling, and compost at these buildings.

How can I opt out of compost?

At this time, no action is needed to opt out of compost. Solid Waste will only deliver carts to households that request one. Before service begins in your neighborhood, we will reach out directly to each customer with information to get started.

How do I know what to put in a green compost cart?

Food scraps and yard trimmings!

Making compost easy and convenient for new customers is a priority! To get started, every new compost customer will receive a compost guide with their green cart. All residents are encouraged to use the Waste Directory to look up items you are unsure about. Download the Denver Trash and Recycling App or visit Denvergov.org/Cartsmart.

What happens to my compost after collection?

The organic material collected through the compost collection program is sent to a commercial composting facility run by Waste Management (WM). There, organic material is ground into fine pieces by an industrial grinder and then composted under controlled conditions, so it can break down quickly and contribute to making quality compost.

After composting is complete, WM performs a number of analytical tests on the compost using an independent laboratory, to ensure the compost is a quality product before selling it. Compost can be purchased in bulk directly from the DADS facility, and bagged compost can be found at most garden and hardware stores.

How does the City check for compost contamination?



In the weeks after your compost cart is delivered, the City will perform audits to check in on how new customers are using their carts.

The City's drivers and inspectors also regularly check carts for contamination (items that can't be composted) during collection. Please note that if contamination is found, the cart will not be collected, and carts that are being misused may be subject to removal.

Does the compost service impact my bill?

Compost service (no matter how much you use it or the size of your compost cart) does not change your invoice amount — that is tied only to the size of your trash cart.

Declining compost service does not change the invoice amount. The Phased Service Rollout Credit will be removed from your next invoice once service begins in your neighborhood, even if you elect not to use the service.