

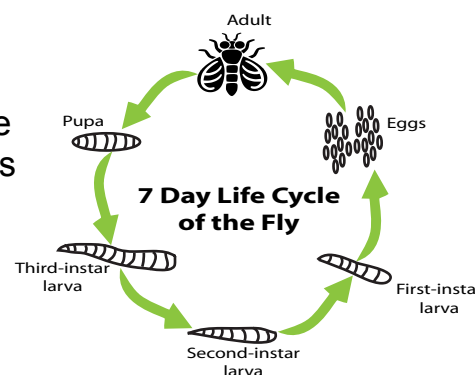
Waste Facts

OVERCOMING ORGANIC OBSTACLES



MAGGOTS AND OTHER UNWANTED PESTS

Maggots are a common, naturally occurring problem with many municipal waste collection programs. They typically have a 7-day life cycle with fluctuations depending on temperature and moisture. Flies are attracted to your organics bins by the odour of rotting food. Sanitation is important to reduce this odour.



PREVENTING MAGGOTS IN ORGANIC BINS:

- * Remove all residual liquid from the bottom of your bin after collection to detract flies.
- * Line the bottom of your bin with crumpled newspaper, boxboard, fibre, egg cartons, large paper bags, take out trays or certified compostable plastic liners/bags to absorb the liquid.
- * Wrap food wastes in newspaper, boxboard or certified compostable liners/bags before placing in either organics bin.
- * Freeze or refrigerate food scraps in acceptable bin liners before placing in the curbside bin on your collection day.
- * Keep the lid on your organics bin tightly closed (make sure the latch snaps shut).
- * Place your organics bin out for collection every week on your scheduled collection day, even if it's only partially full.
- * Rinse and wash out your organics bins regularly with water or a water/vinegar mix, especially after collection. Please do not wash or rinse bins near gutters or storm drains because they lead directly to local creeks and waterways.



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GETTING RID OF MAGGOTS:

If you have discovered maggots in your organics bin, try the following measures and then clean your bins thoroughly after the organics have been collected.

- * Cover the maggots with salt, lime or vinegar. Use diatomaceous earth, it is a natural fossil product that kills maggots, slugs, etc. Check garden centres and nurseries for availability.
- * Rinse out your bin with a water or water/vinegar mix to get rid of any larvae still remaining in the bin. Be sure your bin is dry before use.
- * Line the outer rim of the bin with salt or vinegar to prevent pests from entering the bins through the lid. Rock salt or lime sprinkled in the bin will also help prevent them.



WHAT'S THAT SMELL?



- * To avoid odours, empty your kitchen container frequently and wash both it and the curbside bin with water or a water/vinegar mix.
- * Make sure your lid is securely fastened.
- * Spray vinegar in your bin to reduce odors.
- * Try wrapping your food scraps in newspapers, cardboard or certified compostable bin liners/bags and place a coffee tray or egg carton in the bottom to absorb liquids.



- * Empty the small kitchen bin into the large curbside bin often (before the food scraps have a chance to start decomposing).

ORGANICS FROZEN TO YOUR BIN?

How do I keep food scraps from freezing to the collection bins during the cold weather months?

- * Line your bin with crumpled newspaper, boxboard, fibre egg cartons, large paper bags or certified compostable plastic bin liners/bags to keep food waste from freezing to the sides and bottom.
- * Try putting your lined kitchen organic container in the freezer and then place it in curbside bin just prior to collection.
- * If you have a garage, keep your organics cart in it.
- * Place food waste in acceptable bin liners/bags before putting them in the curbside bin.
- * Certified compostable plastic bin liners/bags must have one of the following logos:



For more information on the City of Barrie's Curbside Organics Collection Program call 739-4219 or visit our website at www.barrie.ca.

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