

City Composting & Collective Resource Compost

COSTS	\$82.50 + \$35/year	~\$3/bag (w/sticker)	\$21-\$30 month
PICKUP	Apr. 3-Dec. 7 '23 Curbside*	Apr. 3-Dec. 7 '23 Curbside	Year-round Front porch
CONTENTS	City Bins	City Bags	Collective
Yard Waste	✓	✓	✗
Houseplant Scraps	✓	✓	✓
Glass	✗	✗	✗
Candy wrappers	✗	✗	✗
Plastic bags	✗	✗	✗
Plastic condiment packets	✗	✗	✗
Styrofoam	✗	✗	✗
PLA items (CMA-W - or BPI -certified)	✗	✗	✓
Compostable plates/plasticware (CMA-W - or BPI -certified)	✗	✗	✓
Berry containers	✗	✗	✗
Dog food bags	✗	✗	✗
Juice boxes, other foil-lined containers	✗	✗	✗
Microwave popcorn bags	✗	✗	✓
Newspaper	✗	✗	✓
Paper food packaging	✗	✗	✓
Waxed cardboard cartons	✗	✗	✗
Coffee filters	✓	✗	✗
Food-soiled paper (no boxes)	✗	✗	✓
Tea bags (paper-based only, not fabric-based)	✗	✗	✓
CMA-W - or BPI -certified compostable bags, etc.	✗	✗	✓
Egg cartons	✗	✗	✓
Food soiled cardboard (Pizza Boxes)	✗	✗	✓
Gift bags or wrap	✗	✗	✓
Waxed paper	✗	✗	✓
Swiffer duster	✗	✗	✗
Synthetic clothing	✗	✗	✗
100% cotton clothing	✗	✗	✓
All fruit	✓	✗	✓
All vegetables	✓	✗	✓
Baked Goods, Breads, Cereal, and Grains	✓	✗	✓
Dairy products (no liquids)	✓	✗	✓
Egg shells	✓	✗	✓
Fish/seafood (including bones and shells)	✗	✗	✓

Fried food (not meats or fish)	✓	✗	✓
Meats	✗	✗	✓
Candy	✓	✗	✓
Gum	✗	✗	✗
Coffee grounds (not in pods)	✓	✗	✓
Spices/herbs	✓	✗	✓
Sugars/Syrups	✓	✗	✓
Tea (loose tea leaves, not in bags)	✓	✗	✓
Sugar/salt/pepper packets	✗	✗	✓
Cleaners	✗	✗	✗
Fertilizers	✗	✗	✗
Candles	✗	✗	✗
Cat litter	✗	✗	✗
Ceramics	✗	✗	✗
Christmas trees	✗	✗	✗
Cigarettes/cigars	✗	✗	✗
Hygiene products	✗	✗	✗
Masking tape (not blue)	✗	✗	✗
Masking tape (Blue)	✗	✗	✓
Rubber	✗	✗	✗
Soap	✗	✗	✗
Wax	✗	✗	✗
Cold ashes from fireplace/grill	✓	✗	✓
Cellulose sponges	✗	✗	✓
Cotton balls	✗	✗	✓
Dryer lint	✗	✗	✓
Fur/hair	✗	✗	✓
Holiday wreaths	✗	✗	✓
Nail clippings	✗	✗	✓
Pencils	✗	✗	✓
Construction materials	✗	✗	✗
Soil	✗	✗	✗
Wood products/Sawdust	✗	✗	✓
Dead animals	✗	✗	✗
Feces	✗	✗	✗
Liquids (except small amounts on food)	✗	✗	✗

* Off-season food and yard waste collection will be available December 8, 2023 to the end of March, 2024 using the existing green yard cart. Pricing to be determined by # of participants, estimated between \$9/ and \$20/month, not to exceed \$80. Sign up and learn more at cityofevanston.org/yardwastepilot.

Saving and Sharing Edible Food

One of the most frustrating wastes in modern life is when we have to throw out “perfectly good food.” The flow chart below offers guidance about what to do with excess food from your home or event. To the right, we list local food donation recipients, and share some related resources. Remember...

- Not all food is safe for donation. Please protect health and obey laws.*
- Recipients know their needs. So, call/email to confirm, then respect their wishes.
- You can still avoid a total waste by composting instead of tossing.

IF YOU HAVE THIS...	THEN TRY THIS...
1 Packaged food that is unopened , with a clearly marked use-by date that is still in the future.	<u>Contact first</u> , then bring to a food pantry . Email or call ahead to confirm if/when/how they accept). OR, you can check to confirm that it meets donation guidelines then deliver to a community fridge .
2 Larger quantities of food that would feed 10+ people, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From a caterer, restaurant, or deli that has been prepared and packed safely and is unopened OR• Fresh fruit, vegetables, pastries, bread, or eggs (in a carton that has a valid use-by date)	<u>Contact first</u> , then bring to a shelter . Email or call ahead to confirm if/when/how they accept. OR, if they cannot accept the food, divide into smaller, portions, clearly label those portions per donation guidelines and deliver to a community fridge or post on mutual aid group such as Freecycle or Buy Nothing Project .
3 Smaller quantities of obviously fresh, safe, edible food including clearly labeled containers of leftovers that are NOT raw meat, raw fish or an <i>opened</i> container of a condiment, liquid, or sauce.	Confirm that it meets donation guidelines then label clearly and deliver to a community fridge .
4 Other safe, fresh, edible food that does not meet the criteria above (opened, raw, undated, etc.)	Give directly to friends or neighbors, or post on mutual aid group such as Freecycle or Buy Nothing Project .
5 None of the above is true, or you’ve tried all the other ways to share your food.	Remove packaging and compost . See p. 10 for composting options and guidelines.

*For information about laws and “Good Samaritan” protections for food donations, see <https://policyfinder.refed.org/illinois/>

Food Pantries that Accept Donations

Call or email in advance only.

Grace Lutheran Church, 1430 South, 847-475-2211

..also small pantry, on Wesley near South, open 24 hrs

Connections for the Homeless & Hilda’s Drop-In

2121 Dewey, donations@connect2home.org

Hillside Free Methodist Church, 2727 Crawford, 847-328-7182

Vineyard Christian Church, 2495 Howard, 847-328-4544

Salvation Army, 1403 Sherman, 847-866-9770

Hemenway Methodist Church, 933 Chicago, 847-328-2600

Howard Area Community Ctr., 7648 N Paulina, 773-262-6622

A Just Harvest, 7649 N Paulina, Chicago, 773-262-2297

Shelters that Accept Donations

Call or email in advance only.

Hilda’s Drop-In & Margarita Inn, donations@connect2home.org

Salvation Army, 1403 Sherman, 847-866-9770

Evanston Community Fridges

First view [online](#) for donation guidelines and info on how to support. <https://www.evanstoncommunityfridges.com>

Sunrise Fridge, 320 Madison, hosted by Reba Place Church.

Freedom Fridge, 619 W. Howard, hosted by Palmhouse 619.

Soul Fridge, 1601 Payne, hosted by Soul & Smoke.

CNE Fridge, 1335 Dodge, hosted by CNE.

Online Mutual Aid Groups

[Evanston Freecycle](#)

<https://www.freecycle.org/town/EvanstonIL>

[Evanston Buy Nothing Project](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/729409341263592/>

These groups exist for nearby communities also.

Search “Freecycle” or “Buy Nothing” online to find out more.

How to Avoid Food Waste in the First Place

To waste less food, we need to shop and plan better—buy only what we need and cook with what we have. For more information, tips, and tricks, see sites such as [SaveTheFood.Com](#) (<https://savethefood.com>) or [ReFed](#) (<https://refed.org/>).