

## What goes in the Brown Bin?

### YES – Acceptable for Organic Waste:

#### Household organic waste

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat, poultry, fish, seafood and eggs (Includes bones, fish bones and shells)
- Pasta, bread, cereals and rice
- Solid dairy products
- Nuts and shells
- Cake, cookies and candy
- Herbs and spices
- Coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea leaves and tea bags
- Animal food
- Cardboard egg cartons, toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls
- Waste with oil or vegetable fats, sauces and vinaigrettes
- Paper – soiled:
  - o Pizza boxes, food packaging, ice cream containers, paper table cloths, popcorn, flour and sugar bags
  - o Tissues, napkins, paper towels, (not soiled with chemicals such as cleaning products)

#### Leaf and outdoor waste

- Dead and fallen leaves
- Garden and yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, weeds
- House plants, including soil
- Flowers and potted plants (including the discarded earth)
- Wood chips, sawdust, hay and straw

#### Other waste

- Wood ashes, untreated and extinguished
- Toothpicks
- Vacuum bags and their contents, hair, fur and feathers
- Compostable dishes and cups

### NO – Not acceptable for Organic Waste

#### Packaging

- Plastic or foil bags/wrap/trays
- Styrofoam packaging and trays
- Plastic bags (even biodegradable bags)
- Wax and wax paper
- Foam polystyrene meat trays and liners
- Recyclable materials (glass, metal, plastic, paper and carton)

#### Other waste

- Tree branches and shrubs (branches, bark and twigs)
- Construction and renovation materials
- Paint and other household hazardous waste
- Dirt, rocks, sand and hot ashes
- Crystal, porcelain and ceramics
- Dryer sheets, lint and dust
- Non-plant fat, grease and oils
- Large quantities of liquids
- Diapers, sanitary products, baby wipes, cotton balls, make-up removal pads, Q-tips, dental floss
- Materials treated with pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals
- Dead animals
- Pet waste, bedding and kitty litter
- Biomedical waste
- Clothing and textiles
- Wine corks
- Cigarette butts
- Chewing gum