

# TIPS FOR COLLECTING FOOD SCRAPS AT HOME

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Follow these tips to keep your food scrap bucket odor and critter free!

## Put a lid on it

Always keep your organics bucket closed to prevent insects and critters from getting into your food scraps. You don't want excess moisture either so if you keep your bucket outdoors, make sure the lid keeps water out.



## Store in cool or shady area

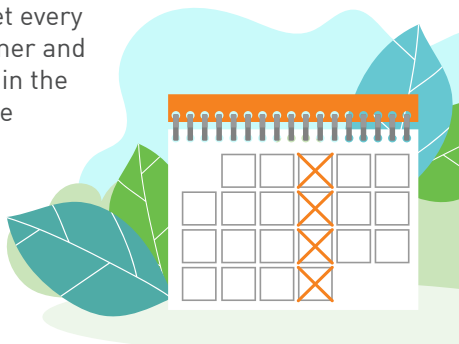
Under a cabinet, in a shady part of the yard or the garage are all good places to keep your bucket.

Don't leave your bucket in the sun if you can help it. Food scraps degrade faster in warmer temperatures, so a warm pile is a stinky pile.



## Empty regularly

Empty your bucket every week in the summer and every other week in the winter to minimize odors and bugs.



## Wash your bin or use compostable liners

Regular washing of your bucket will reduce odor and insect issues. Alternatively use a compostable liner to keep your bucket clean. **Only use BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute certified compostable) liners.**



## Keep a smaller container for meal use

Having a smaller container for food scraps on your counter, in your fridge or freezer can be more convenient when prepping meals than transporting food scraps to your larger bucket multiple times a day. There are many types of bins available but something as simple as a plastic tub will work. A countertop container with a carbon filter or a bin kept in a fridge or freezer will be much better at minimizing odors.



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