



# FROZEN COMPOST CARTS

During colder months the contents of your compost cart may freeze to the sides or to the grate at the bottom. The waste hauler may only be able to empty some of the contents or none at all.

Here are some tips to make it easier to empty the cart:

- Strain excess liquid from soups and sauces with a strainer, then place solid pieces in the cart
- Wrap foods with high moisture content in newspaper

Layer foods with high moisture content with sawdust as they are placed in the cart

- Spray or rub a little cooking oil along the inside of the cart to make it easier for contents to slide out
- Line the cart with a paper bin liner

Place cart by curbside to emptied even when not completely full. If cart cannot be emptied, some space may remain for the addition of more material until cart thaws and tipped the next time.

## Woodstove Ashes

Cold ashes may be placed in the compost cart. Please allow at least 3 weeks cooling time and check the ashes thoroughly before placing them in the cart. Hot ashes can melt a cart and if the cart is placed next to a home, it can cause a house fire!

Wet down large amounts of ashes when placing them in the cart. Loose ashes may blow into waste collectors' faces as the carts are emptied.

Ashes can also be scattered on walkways, in gardens to improve soil quality and in backyard composters.



## Wood Shavings

Wet down large amounts of shavings when placing them in the cart. Like ashes, shavings may blow into waste collectors' faces as the carts are emptied.