

BIODEGRADABLE IS NOT THE SAME AS COMPOSTABLE

Stores carry different brands of “degradable” plastic bags; both on their shelves and as carry-out bags. These bags can be labelled as **biodegradable, oxo-degradable or oxo-biodegradable.**

Unfortunately, these bags are not the same as “compostable” bags and this has caused confusion as to which bags are acceptable in Cumberland County green carts.

Food waste collected from green carts is used to make a rich soil amendment called *compost*. When bags that are not 100% compostable are taken, they contaminate the finished soil and also have the potential to damage machinery at the compost facility.

In Cumberland County, compostable bags marked with one of the two compostable logos above, are accepted in the green carts. They certify that the bag meets standards for composting. Both the individual bags and the package will be marked with the logo.



NON-ACCEPTABLE GREEN CART OR MINI BIN LINERS



- Dollarama *biodegradable* bags
- GLAD Green Recycling Bags for Kitchen Organics
- Kitchen Catchers
- No-Name Quick-tie Bags for Compostables
- Super-Sak Transparent Green Bags for Kitchen Organics
- Quikkie Green Kitchen Recycling Bags
- Swift-Tie Clear Green Recycling Bags
- TuffGuy Oxo Biodegradable Kitchen Bags



Also: **Degradable & Oxo-degradable bags** such as those issued at Bulk Barn, Chapters Books and some farm markets are not acceptable.



SOME ACCEPTABLE GREEN CART OR MINI BIN LINERS



Bio-Sak Compostable



Al-Pack Compost



Bag To Earth



Bio-Bag



Compliments Green Care



Bin Fresh & Bin Doctor



GLAD Compostable



Tuff Guy Compostable



Great Value Kitchen



No Name Kitchen Bags