

# Tips to Help Prevent Material from Sticking or Freezing in Your Cart

**Depending on the season, material may stick or freeze in your cart. Here are some tips to ensure material stays loose and comes out during collection:**

- Cardboard may be used in the organics cart. Use dry cardboard panels to line the bottom and sides of the cart, and as layers within the cart. This will help absorb moisture and prevent sticking.
- Layer in some dry material like crumpled newspaper/flyers, food-soiled cardboard, or dry yard waste with food scraps (as shown in the images below).
- Wrap wet food scraps in newsprint and/or place in paper liners/bags inside kitchen bins or carts.\*
- Consider pre-freezing food scraps before placing them in the curbside cart on collection day.
- If material gets stuck, try using a broom handle or long stick to dislodge frozen material.



\*Check these retailers for small or large paper bags (pictured above bottom right): Canadian Tire, Costco, Home Hardware, London Drugs, Rona, Safeway, Save-On-Foods, and some dollar stores (the brand of the small bag is Bag to Earth; the larger bag is from a corn farm and similar to standard yard-waste-style paper bags that are available at retailers).