

With thousands of community events returning this summer, let's come together to keep our city **CLEAN AND GREEN!** Here are some waste management tips you can use to keep our streets litter free, save city dollars, and benefit the climate.

WHAT GOES WHERE:



Recycle

Aluminum cans, plastic bottles & jugs, glass, paper cartons and metal trays without food residue, flattened cardboard boxes.



Compost¹

Food scraps, including meat, bones, coffee grounds. Wet or soiled paper plates, bowls & napkins.
Confirm restrictions directly with your pick-up service.



Landfill

Styrofoam, straws, plastic wrap, drink pouches, plastic gloves, heavily soiled materials, disposable cutlery.



Keep these items out of your **Blue Cart**:



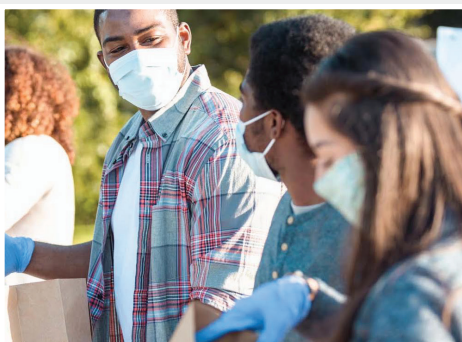
Styrofoam



Plastic Bags



Food



BLOCK PARTY PREP TIPS:

- Encourage guests to bring **reusables** like water bottles or utensils instead of single-use plastics.
- When **shopping**, pick up items that can be repurposed or recycled.
- **Clear labels and signs** at waste carts can help neighbors make the right choices. This is a great post for a friendly volunteer who can help with questions and keep carts organized!
- Keep food scraps out of landfills and give them a new purpose through **composting**. Find a hauler near you!
Visit www.illinoiscomposts.org/haulers-processors/
- Prevent overflowing waste carts by asking neighbors to set out their **black carts for garbage** and **blue carts for recycling**.
To **prevent overflowing waste carts**, invite a few neighbors to make their blue carts available during the event.

¹-private service required