

## How do I prevent odours, flies and freezing in my cart?

The organics green cart is designed to store materials and prepare it for composting over a two week collection cycle. Nuisances may include odours and flies. If you experience one of these conditions it is usually for one of the following reasons:

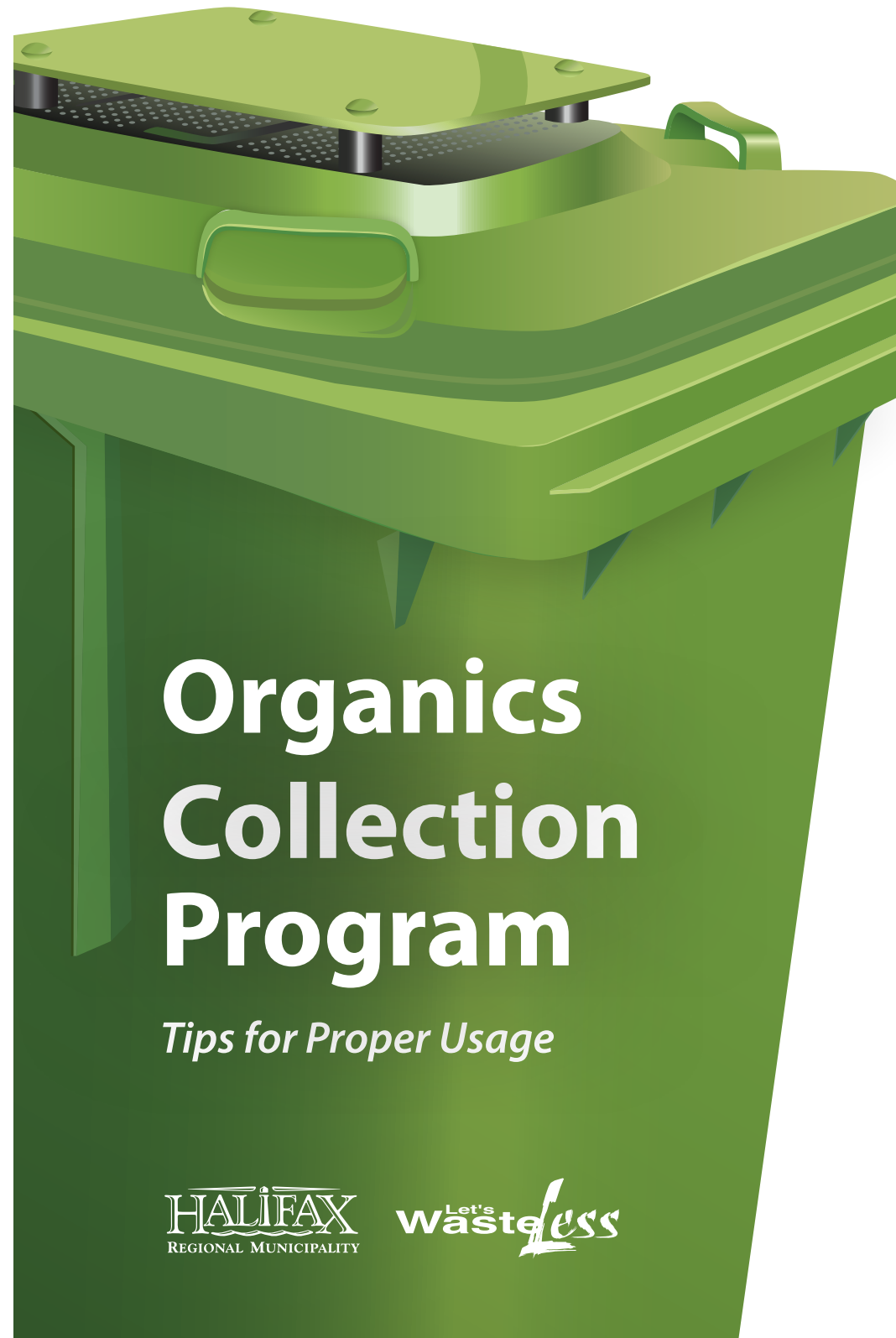
- Unwrapped meat, fish or shellfish in the cart;
- Organics are too wet or liquids have been poured in to the cart;
- Cart is placed in a sunny and/or enclosed area;
- Large volumes of wet grass clippings or leaves in the cart;
- The mini-bin has not been emptied or cleaned frequently enough.

Following the easy tips on the reverse of this sheet can help minimize and prevent nuisances associated with the green cart.

Wetness contributes to odours in summer and freezing in winter. By wrapping wet food waste in soiled/non-recyclable paper and boxboard (e.g., paper towel, cereal boxes), you can reduce wetness & odours, and help prevent nuisances.

Boxboard, paper bags or a sheet of newspaper are acceptable liners for mini-bins and carts. Please remember there is NO PLASTIC permitted in the cart, including no 'compostable' or 'biodegradable' plastic.

For more information visit our website at [www.halifax.ca/recycle](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle) or call 490-4000. The 'Householders Guide to Waste Management' can also be found in the Yellow Pages™ under 'Recycling'.



# Organics Collection Program

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# Green Cart Tip Chart

## Green Cart Tips:

	Reduce Flies	Minimize Odours	Keep Carts Clean	Minimize Freezing
Place wet food waste in boxboard or wrap using one sheet of newspaper.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alternate layers of wet waste (e.g., food) with layers of dry waste (e.g., leaves, boxboard).	✓	✓	✓	✓
Empty your mini-bin daily (after the main meal); you may also rinse with a mild detergent.	✓	✓	✓	
Place the cart curbside for every collection even if it's not full.	✓	✓		✓
Store the cart outside in a ventilated, shady, convenient location, away from outdoor activity.	✓	✓		