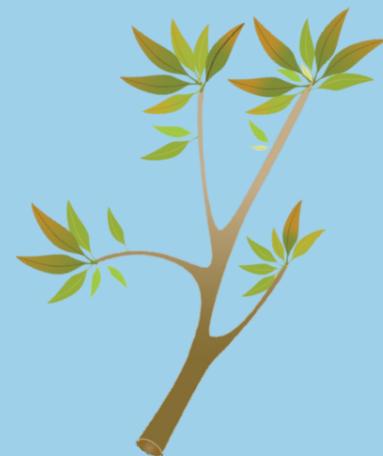


What Happens to My Green Organics?



What are *green organics*?

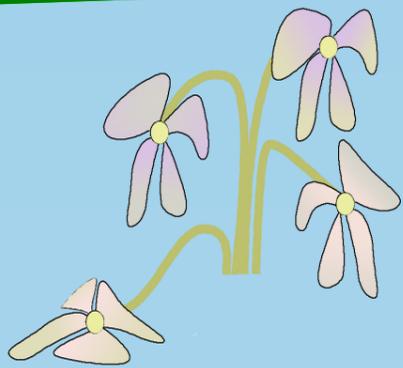
Green organics are things that were once living or growing.

We put our *green organics* into our *green-lidded bin*.



The rule to decide if something goes in the **green organics** bin is **'If it grows, it goes!'**

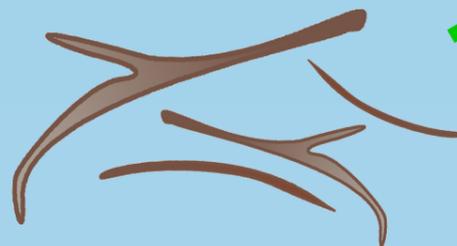
We can put these things from the garden into the **green organics** bin because they all grow.



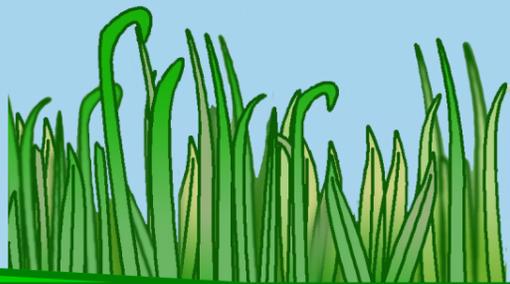
Flowers



Leaves



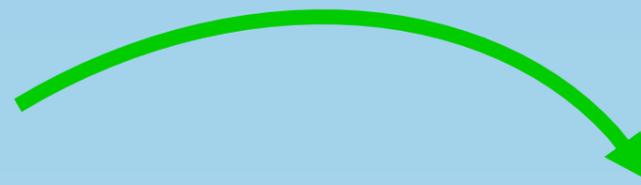
Sticks



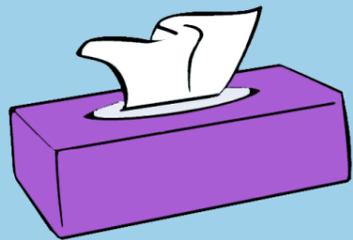
Lawn clippings



Small branches



We can also put these things into the **green organics** bin:



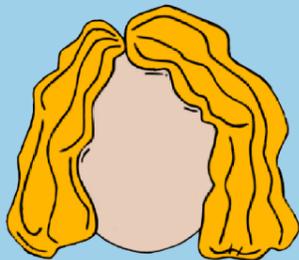
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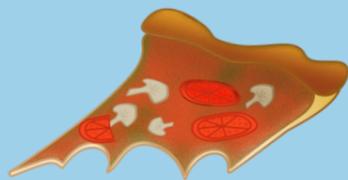
Fruit scraps



Cheese and yoghurt



Hair



Cooked foods



Meat and bones



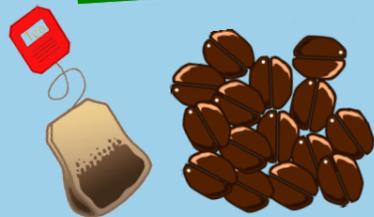
Paper towels



Sandwich scraps



Egg shells



Tea and coffee scraps



Vegetable scraps



All of these things come from something that lives or grows!

When the **green organics** bin is full, it is put out on the kerb.



A truck picks up the bin and tips the **green organics** into the truck.

When the truck is full, the **green organics** are tipped out at a Transfer Station.



The **green organics** are then loaded into a bigger truck and taken away to be made into compost.

The **green organics** are piled into windrows. They need air and water to help them decompose.



The windrows become smaller as they turn into compost.

Sometimes people put things that didn't live or grow in the **green organics** bin. We call these things 'contaminants'.



Contaminants must be removed from the **green organics** because they won't decompose.



When the **green organics** have decomposed into compost, it looks like this.



Compost can be used in the garden to help plants grow.



Compost is made from things we put in the **green organics** bin.

Collecting our food scraps and garden material to make **compost** is good for the environment!

Remember: **'If it grows, it goes!'**

