

# YOUR HANDY GUIDE TO ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

*Try it!*



**Starts September 30, 2019**



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Practical, simple, and now in your home!

## Identification



Name

# BRUTUS

Type

**Brown rolling bin  
for organic waste  
collection**

Managed by

**MRC de Roussillon**

First pick-up

**The week of  
September 30, 2019,  
on your  
municipality's  
scheduled  
collection day.**

## YOUR STARTER KIT

### Counter bin

Put your organic waste in your counter bin, then empty it into your brown rolling bin.

### Handy guide

All the information you need to get started on organic waste collection. Keep it somewhere handy so you can refer to it as needed.

### Collection schedule

So you know when to put your brown bin on the curb.



# Say hello to your new organic friend!

Nearly 50% of the stuff that goes in your rolling bin for waste collection is organic waste. By composting, you'll significantly reduce both your greenhouse gas emissions and the amount of contaminated runoff created by organic matter in garbage dumps.

## Do your part

With the new bylaw, every resident who receives a brown bin must use it for their organic waste. Organic waste will no longer be accepted in regular garbage bins.



# Feed it!

## PUT IT IN YOUR BROWN BIN

If the answer to any of the following three questions is yes, you can put it in your brown rolling bin!

- 1 Is it food waste?
- 2 Is it gardening waste?
- 3 Is it used paper or cardboard that had food on or in it?

### IN THE KITCHEN (Raw, cooked, and expired food)



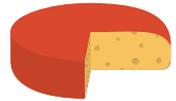
Fruits and vegetables  
(pits, seeds, and peels)



Eggs  
and shells



Grain products,  
baked goods



Dairy products,  
including cheese



Meat  
(including bones)



Seafood and fish  
(including bones)



Fried foods, oils,  
and fats



Coffee grounds,  
coffee filters, tea bags



Spoiled food  
(no packaging)



Leftovers



## OUTSIDE



Yard trimmings  
and weeds



Plants and flowers

### Paper bags only

Do not put any type of plastic, including biodegradable and oxo-degradable bags, in with your organic waste.



## OTHER WASTE



Kleenex, paper towel,  
and paper napkins



Food-soiled paper  
or cardboard



Parchment paper  
and muffin liners



Animal food  
and biscuits



Fast food wrappers

# DON'T PUT IT IN YOUR BROWN BIN



Branches



Dirt, rocks, pebbles,  
and stones



Christmas trees



Any type of plastic  
or polystyrene



Compostable dishes  
and containers



Oyster and mussel  
shells



Clean recyclable  
materials



Baby wipes  
and diapers



Tampons and  
menstrual pads



Animal feces  
and bedding



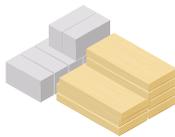
Dust, vacuum bags,  
and dryer lint



Hazardous  
household waste



Medication



Construction  
materials



Cigarette butts  
and ashes

Go to  
[ROUSSILLON.CA/](http://ROUSSILLON.CA/)  
**BACBRUN** for  
more details

# Take care of it!

## TIPS AND TRICKS FOR BRUTUS

### To keep your bin clean

- Line the bottom of the bin with newspaper or cardboard to absorb any liquids.
- Keep meat and other smelly waste in the freezer until collection day.
- Try to remember to put your bin out every collection day.
- Rinse your bin regularly and use that water to water your garden. It's full of minerals!
- Store your bin in the shade if possible.

### To keep animals and insects away

- Wrap food waste in newspaper or a paper bag.
- Apply a bit of menthol chest rub on the cover and around the air holes to keep the critters away.
- Sprinkle with salt, vinegar, or baking soda if you see any insects.

### To save on storage space

- Team up with your neighbors to share bins.
- Opt for a smaller garbage bin.



# Take it out!

## COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### WINTER

From December to March, organic waste will be collected every two weeks.

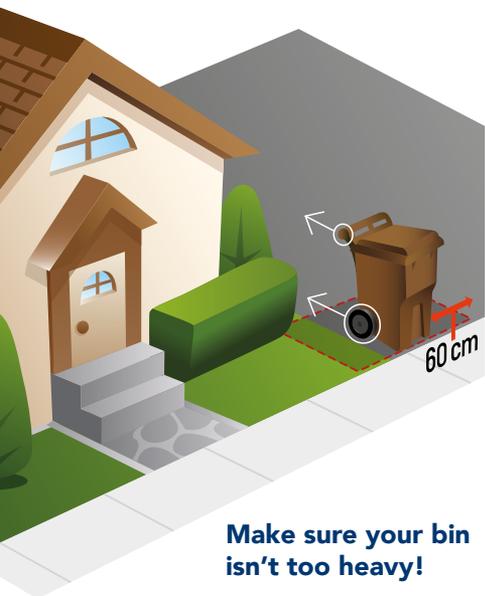
### SUMMER

From April to November, a truck will come by each week.

**Remember! Starting the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, garbage collection will be every two weeks, no matter the season!**



See [ROUSSILLON.CA/GMRCALENDRIER](http://ROUSSILLON.CA/GMRCALENDRIER) for your municipality's collection schedules.



**Make sure your bin isn't too heavy!**

### Set your bin out properly

As with your other rolling bins, you'll need to:

- 1 Put your bin out before 7 a.m. on collection day.
- 2 Put your bin in your parking space, near the street (sidewalk, street, and bike path must be kept clear).
- 3 Make sure the wheels and handle are facing your home.
- 4 Keep a free space of 60 cm (2 ft.) around the bin so the truck can pick it up with its claw.



## **Moving?**

Leave your rolling bin behind! Just like blue bins, your brown bin needs to stay where it was delivered. Your municipality owns the bin.

# Keep up the good work!

## Already have a domestic composting bin?

Use your brown rolling bin for organic waste that you can't put in your compost, like leftovers, meat, bones, dairy products, weeds, etc.

**The two make a great team!**

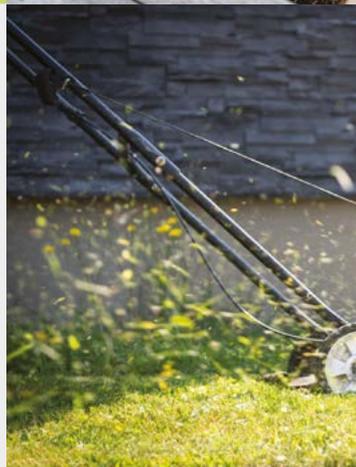


## Grasscycling and leaf mulching

We encourage you to grasscycling and leaf mulching. It's easy! All you have to do is leave your grass clippings and cut-up leaves on the ground. This has numerous benefits:

- Improves your lawn
- Helps keep your lawn green and disease-free
- Is a natural source of nutrients and fertilizer for your lawn
- Reduces the amount of water and pesticides you'll need to use
- Reduces the time it takes to maintain your lawn

**An effortless way to keep the grass greener on your side of the fence. Give it a try!**





## Info-collectes

Contact our team for any questions about waste collection and problem with your bin.

☎ 514 928-5227

🌐 [ROUSSILLON.CA/INFOCOLLECTES](https://roussillon.ca/infocollectes)

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For more information on your organic waste collection and our brown rolling bin, go to [ROUSSILLON.CA/BACBRUN](https://roussillon.ca/bacbrun)