

## Orange + Blue = A Greener Restoration

**You may notice an orange bucket in Fellowship Hall.** It's there to collect food scraps that would otherwise go into the landfill. By collecting them and putting them into the composter out back by our trash bins, we accomplish a number of positive things for our environment and ourselves.



We reduce the amount of waste hauled by big trucks to the landfill. We reduce the amount of material that needs to be dumped. We reduce the amount of methane – a greenhouse gas 72% more powerful than carbon dioxide -- that would be produced by the anaerobic decomposition of these plant-based wastes in the landfill. In the process, we can produce compost that we can use in our gardens to improve the structure, density and texture of soil, and improving nutrient retention. That means healthier plants.

### What goes into the orange bucket?

#### ***OK TO PUT IN***

- Vegetable trimmings
- Fruit rinds, peelings
- Tea bags, coffee grounds, filters
- Non greasy paper napkins
- Dead houseplants
- Old flowers
- Leaves

#### ***NOT OK TO PUT IN***

- Meat, grease or bones
- Dairy products
- Plastic, metal or glass

### What goes into the blue buckets?

- Metal: Tin, aluminum & steel cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans
- Glass: Jars and bottles (food and beverage containers)
- Plastic: #1 through #7 plastics, such as #1- Soda, water bottles; #2- Milk jugs, detergents, shampoo bottles; #3- Rigid plastic containers and juice bottles; #4- Plastic tubs and lids from butter, margarine etc.; #5- Yogurt containers and deli trays; #6- Plastic cups, plates, and clear to-go containers and #7- Many mixed plastic containers and plastic products
- Mixed Paper: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, mail (junk and personal), flyers, phone books, food boxes (remove plastic liner), computer paper, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap), clean beverage cartons AND Church Orders of Service, cardboard, paperboard, etc.

You can help by thinking when you go to throw something out. Should it go in the blue recycling bin, the orange compost bin, or in the landfill-destined trash? Then dispose of it wisely.

Above FAQ is from web site <http://64.78.36.115/faq.asp>. It also answers other questions. Recyclables should be empty and rinsed if necessary. Hardback books and textiles are recycled to other places or call Ron S.