Ways to line your kitchen pail

Purchase compostable bags

If you choose to use bags, make sure they are compostable. Compostable bags are available at grocery, drug and home improvement stores, usually in the same aisle as garbage bags. Visit calgary.ca/greencart for a list of certified compostable brands and stores in Calgary.

Note: All paper bags are compostable and can be used as liners. They do not need to be marked as compostable.

Reuse newspapers to make your own compostable liner at home

Wrapping your food waste in newspaper can help keep your kitchen pail clean and free of odours. Use our quick guide for making your own kitchen pail liner at home. **For best results, use three or four full sheets of large newsprint (e.g. Calgary Herald, etc.)**

1. Trim 3-4 sheets of paper into a square.
2. Fold point B to point A.
3. Which creates a triangle shape.
4. Bring point C of the triangle to point AB.
5. Now, bring point B over to meet point AC.
6. You should now have a pentagon shape.
7. Split apart the top flap (point A) and fold down both sides.
8. You should now have a paper pouch.
9. Spread apart sides of your paper pouch and place into your kitchen compost pail.

Compostable bags will have one of these logos on the box: