While the most sustainable option is not to use a liner, you can use a compostable liner or bag in your kitchen pail or organics cart. While the mini bin has a 2-gallon interior depth, it is recommended to utilize at least a 3-gallon liner to provide appropriate “folding slack” for the countertop pail. The ideal-sized liner for the 32-gallon organics cart should have a minimum storage capacity of 33 gallons.

Bags must be compostable – labeled as either “home compostable” or “commercially/industrially compostable.” Bags that are biodegradable but not compostable are not accepted. In no case are traditional plastic bags of any kind accepted.

Paper yard trim bags are acceptable as liners. In addition, paper lunch or grocery bags are fine as kitchen pail liners.

Look for bags/liners with the following labels:

TIP: Instead of using a bag or liner, you can place yard trim or paper products in the bottom of your organics cart to keep it clean and dry, and you can hand wash or place the kitchen pail in the dishwasher after using it.

Here are a few examples of compostable bags available in our area or online:
ACCEPTABLE COMPOSTABLE BAGS
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ORGANICS COMPOSTING FACILITY

- PITT PLASTICS
- PLASTIC SOLUTIONS
- POLY AMERICA
- RALSTON-BIOSAK
- RENEW PACKAGING, LLC
- ALUF PLASTICS
- FORTUNE PLASTICS
- GLAD MANUFACTURING COMPANY
- GREEN PACIFIC NW
- HERITAGE-BIO TUF