

Why does food waste matter?

Approximately 22% of County-wide waste is food waste.
Conversely, many struggle with food insecurity.

Why compost?

Composting creates high-quality soil that improves drainage and plant growth, which supports food crops and wildlife.

What can you do to reduce food waste?

- 👍 Plan meals before you shop.
- 👍 Use foods before they go bad.
- 👍 Donate excess edible food to those in need.
- 👍 Compost in your backyard or participate in your municipality's local food scrap program.

Visit our *WestchesterCountyDEF* Facebook page for a list of local municipal drop-off locations!

Questions about recycling?
Call the County Department of Environmental Facilities' Recycling HelpLine:
914-813-5425

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County of Westchester FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING DROP-OFF

White Plains
Outdoor Farmers' Market
Court Street
Wednesdays 9am-12pm
May 19 to November 24

New Rochelle
Down to Earth Market
Thomas Paine Cottage Museum
Fridays 9am-12pm
June 11 to November 19

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A.C.T. Now to Compost Food Scraps!

Accumulate peels, trimmings, shells, and leftovers.

Control odors by storing scraps in a container or BPI certified compostable bag in a cool place, like the freezer.

Take your food scraps to your local food scrap program, or bring the scraps to us at a participating farmers' market!

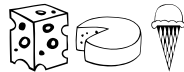
✓ Acceptable



Meat / Bones / Fish / Shellfish



Fruits / Vegetables



Cheese / Dairy Products



Bread / Pastas / Grains



Eggshells / Coffee Grinds

⊘ Unacceptable



Plastics / Coated Paper Products



Utensils / Rubber Bands / Pet Waste
Chemicals / Bulk Liquids or Grease

Curbside Recyclables

Rinse them, remove labels, leave them loose-- never in plastic bags, and put them curbside.



Plastics #1-7 / Metal / Glass /
Cartons / Bottles / Cans / Jars



Paper / Newspaper/ Cardboard

The food scraps collected by the County at participating farmers' markets are processed into compost at the County's Compost & Education Facility in Valhalla. The resulting compost is used to improve soil at County-owned properties.