

Village of Mamaroneck Composting Program

Why Recycle Food Scraps?

Food scraps are one of the largest components of trash sent to landfills and incinerators. However, food scraps are not trash, they are a resource that can be turned into useful compost. Recycling food scraps into compost captures their nutrients and energy and returns them to the environment.

Composting food scraps turns that story around! Instead of wasting energy trying to burn food, or creating methane from landfilling it, composting food scraps produces a useful and valuable product that gives back to our nutrient life cycle resulting in cleaner soil, water and air.

What Is Compost?

When purchasing a bag of potting soil or observing your landscaper putting down "dirt" you are using compost.

Compost benefits our landscape by maximizing plant growth, preventing soil erosion and mitigating the frequency of water, fertilizer and pesticide use.

By recycling your food scraps you are reducing waste and creating compost—a double win!

Why is it important to follow the rules?

If an item not accepted as part of this program is mixed in with the waste, the entire truck load is considered 'contaminated'. Contaminated loads are rejected by the composting facility and will be reintroduced into the normal waste stream. **It is very important to not put anything but accepted items in the compost drop off bins.**

Here's How To Do It:

- COLLECT** your food scraps in a countertop pail. Although not required, you may line your pail with a compostable bag—please no plastic bags. Compostable bags are available for purchase (roll of 25 bags for \$2.00/roll) at the Village of Mamaroneck Department of Public Works office (313 Fayette Ave). Please bring cash or a check for payment.
- Most residents will fill the countertop pail with food scraps 3-4 times per week. Therefore it is suggested that residents also have a larger bin to **TRANSFER** food scraps into for weekly storage. This larger bin can also be used for transportation of food scraps to the Recycling Center. It is recommended that food storage bins be kept indoors—either in the house or in the garage.
- BRING** your transportation bin to the Compost Program drop-off bins to dispose of your food scraps as often as needed. There is no charge to drop off food scraps.



All material collected is brought to a commercial composting facility where it is turned into compost.

Drop-off Location & Hours:

The Compost Program drop-off bins are at the Recycling Center (313 Fayette Ave).

Regular Hours:

Monday-Friday 7am-3:30pm

Extended Hours:

Monday-Friday 3:30pm-5pm & Saturday 9am-1pm

Hours of operation are subject to change without notice, particularly the extended hours. The Recycling Center is closed for holidays.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

ALL FOOD, including:

- Fruits and Vegetables (remove stickers, bands, ties)
- Meat and Poultry (bones ok)
- Fish and Shellfish (shells ok)
- Dairy Products
- Bread and Pasta
- Rice and Grains
- Egg Shells
- Chips and Snacks
- Nuts and Seeds
- Leftover, Spoiled and Expired Food (cooked ok)
- Coffee Grounds (paper filters ok)
- Tea Bags (no staples)
- Paper Towels and Napkins
- Cut Flowers
- Compostable Bags (no plastic bags)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Plastic bags, plastic packaging and wrappers are never allowed** in the bins. Plastic does not biodegrade and therefore will contaminate the compost. Use only compostable bags, paper bags or no bags.
- Baby/Hand wipes are never allowed** in the bins. They are synthetic, do not biodegrade and will contaminate the compost.
- NO PET WASTE.**

If unsure about an item, please call (914) 777-7745 or email us before putting it in the bin: Sanitation@vomny.org

STARTER KITS:

Starter kits can be purchased at the Village of Mamaroneck Department of Public Works office (313 Fayette Ave) for \$20 (checks only). Kits include one 2-gallon countertop pail, one 6-gallon home storage & transportation bin and one roll of 25 compostable bags for your pail.

QUESTIONS? Email:

Sanitation@VOMNY.org



THANK YOU for your participation in the Village of Mamaroneck Compost Program!