

Town of Washington - Food Scrap Drop-off Program Guide

ACCEPTABLE

- BPI Certified Compostable bags
- Fruits, Vegetables
- Bread, Grains, Nuts, Legumes
- Meat, Fish, Bones, Dairy
- Eggs including shells
- Coffee Grounds, Coffee Filters, Tea Bags

NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Plastic Bags (Trash)
- Styrofoam (Trash)
- Packaging Material (Trash)
- Paper Plates (Trash)
- Magazines, Newspaper (Recycling)
- Rubber Bands, Twist Ties (Trash)
- Clean and rinsed foil/metal (Recycling)
- Glass (Recycling)
- Cardboard (Recycling)
- Waxed Paper (Trash)

Drop off: Bring your food scraps to the **Washington Transfer Station**

Address: 57 Clark Rd, Washington, CT 06793



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Why compost Food Scraps?

Food scraps are one of the largest components of trash sent to CT incinerators. However, food scraps are not trash, they are a resource that can be turned into compost or biogas. Recycling food scraps into compost captures their nutrients and energy, but when food scraps are thrown in the garbage, and then sent to an incinerator, this resource is lost. And today, some of our garbage is going to out-of-state landfills where food scraps release methane gas.

What Is Compost?

Compost is decomposed organic matter that has many environmental benefits. Amending soil with compost improves soil structure, aeration, and drainage. Compost benefits our landscape and farmland by maximizing plant growth, preventing soil erosion, and minimizing the need for fertilizer and pesticides. By recycling your food scraps, you are reducing waste and creating compost – a win-win!

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