

A Neighborhood Guide to Composting & Food Waste Recovery



Food scraps aren't trash.

Composting turns food and plant scraps into nutrient-rich compost that feeds our soil and helps grow more healthy food.



WHY IT MATTERS



LESS WASTE

Food is the most common item in landfills. Let's keep it out.



BETTER FOR OUR CLIMATE

Landfills create methane gas. Composting helps reduce greenhouse gases.



HEALTHIER SOIL

Composting adds nutrients, helps soil hold water, and supports strong plants.



KEEP IT LOCAL

We turn scraps from our kitchens into a resource for our community.

THE CYCLE: FROM YOUR KITCHEN TO OUR SOIL



FOOD SCRAPS

You collect food scraps at home.



COMPOST

We compost the scraps at the farm.



HEALTHY SOIL

Compost feeds the soil and builds it up.



HEALTHY FOOD

Healthy soil helps us grow healthy food for the neighborhood.



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WHAT CAN I COLLECT?



Yes! Please Collect



FRUIT & VEGETABLE SCRAPS

Peels, cores, tops, stems, rinds, and trimmings. Produce that has gone soft, wilted, or is no longer good to eat



COFFEE GROUNDS & PAPER FILTERS



EGG SHELLS



PAPER TEA BAGS

Remove staples or other non-compostable pieces



GARDEN & PLANT TRIMMINGS

Untreated plant material and appropriate garden scraps



DRY LEAVES



Please Keep Out



Plastic bags & packaging



Produce stickers



Glass or metal



Styrofoam



Meat, fish, & bones



Dairy products



Fats, oils, & grease



Pet waste or cat litter



Treated or painted wood



Plants treated with herbicides



Glossy or coated paper



These items can contaminate compost, attract pests, and prevent food scraps from breaking down properly.



BRING YOUR COMPOST TO THE FARM!

Drop off accepted items at New Roots Urban Farm. Your scraps will be collected and turned into compost that builds healthy soil and helps us grow food in our neighborhood. Our drop-off bin is always open for you.

DROP-OFF: 24/7

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