



Managing Food Scraps

Summary for Addison County Businesses



What's required

Starting July 1, 2020, all food scraps will be banned from the trash in Vermont.

“Food scraps” means trimmings and byproducts from prepping food and discarded or unwanted pre- and post-consumer food, even spoiled or partially-eaten food. This includes: meat, bones, and seafood; oils and fats; all parts of fruits and vegetables; eggs, egg shells; dairy products; breads; grains and beans; soups, sauces, and condiments; tea, coffee grounds, and filters; nuts and nut shells.

Collect scraps in labeled, washable containers like 5-gallon buckets. ACSWMD can provide buckets, signs, stickers, and staff training. Train staff to keep out prohibited items, listed below.

Only food is accepted. Keep out: produce stickers, paper products, packaging, plastic bags, and other non-compostable items. Also keep out all compostable products, compostable food service-ware, and any bags other than cart liners provided by ACSWMD or your hauler. **No food serviceware of any kind (even if sold as compostable) is accepted for composting in Addison County.**

Your options

Reduce your food waste to minimize the scraps you have to manage. Get tips at scrapfoodwaste.org. Then, choose from the options below:

1. Get food scraps picked up by a waste hauler.

Starting July 1, 2020, waste haulers will be required to offer food scrap collection to non-residential customers and apartment buildings with four or more units. **Only food is accepted.** See prohibited materials above. Find a list of food scrap haulers at acswmd.org/about/haulers/list.

2. Take food scraps to the District Transfer Station or to your town drop-off.

Only food is accepted. See prohibited materials above. Find drop-offs at acswmd.org/about/towns/drop-off.

3. Compost on-site or use a Green Cone Solar Digester.

Businesses' meat & bones must be managed separately from a compost pile, such as in a Green Cone. Composting requires management. More info: acswmd.org/food-scraps/composting/101.

4. Give food scraps to pig or chicken farmers.

Only food scraps that are free of and have not come into contact with meat, fish, or their oils/ juices may be fed to pigs. Chickens may be fed any food scraps. More info: acswmd.org/food-scraps/recovery/feed-animals.

