

# A User's Guide to Drop-off Food Scrap Collection

*Not a fan of backyard composting? You still can manage your food waste properly; all local drop-offs accept food scraps.*

## HOW?

Getting started is as easy as 1-2-3!

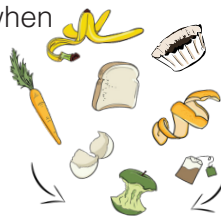
1. Get a bucket with a lid and a kitchen collector for your food scraps. **See reverse for supplies from ACSWMD!**
2. Fill your kitchen collector with food scraps and when full, empty in bucket.
3. Empty your bucket at your local drop-off during normal hours.

## The "IN" List

- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Tea bags (paper only) & loose tea
- Meat, bones, shellfish & seafood\*
- Bread, pasta, rice & grains
- Cheese & dairy
- Soups and sauces
- Oils & fats\*
- Eggs & egg shells

## WHY?

- Take out your trash less often and reduce its smell!
- Keeping one 5-gallon bucket of food scraps out of the landfill is like reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from 1 gallon of gas in a car.
  - As of July 1, 2020 food scraps are no longer allowed in the trash in Vermont.



## The "KEEP OUT" List

- **NO Liner bags, including compostable bags**
- NO 'Compostable' products like plates, utensils & cups
  - NO Produce stickers
  - NO Twist ties
- NO Human or animal waste
  - NO Plastic products of any kind
- NO Paper products (other than coffee filters & tea bags).
- NO Rubber bands, Styrofoam, metal, or glass

**\*While these items should not be composted in your backyard, they are accepted at our Drop-Offs.**



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## Resources and Tips

To help you get started, ACSWMD has the following:



### Food Scrap Bucket and Lid: \$8

These buckets come with an easy to use lid and hold up to 5 gallons of food scraps. Clean buckets after use with a garden hose or sink sprayer. Liners of any type including compostable liner bags are not accepted at Drop-offs. Just want a lid? Pail lids are \$2.

### Sure-Close Kitchen Collector: \$6

Features an easy to open lid that locks closed. Perforations in the lid allow for ventilation and decrease odor buildup. Wide opening catches plate scrapings. Dishwasher Safe!



### Stickers for your bucket or fridge

Adorn your bucket, kitchen collector or refrigerator with a helpful sticker outlining what can and cannot go in food scrap collection at the drop-offs.



### Troubleshooting:

**Fruit flies and odors:** When it gets hot, insects can become more active. Place your kitchen collector in a cool place (like the fridge or freezer) to help keep the bugs away. This also reduces the smell. Cleaning your container and dumping more often will reduce insects and prevent odors.

### District Facilities:

**District Transfer Station: 1223 Rte. 7 South, Middlebury**

**Residential Drop-Off: 100 Kings Way (off Campground Rd.), New Haven**



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