

# NEWTOWN ORGANICS (FOOD SCRAPS) Drop-Off Program

NEW  
Recycling  
Program  
for Newtown  
Residents



The Town of Newtown, in collaboration with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, is pleased to announce a new recycling program for food scraps.

The food scraps will be taken to New England Compost in Danbury and will be made into compost.

The new drop-off program will start Saturday, November 14th at the Transfer Station.

Newtown will be a leader in the state for waste reduction. More food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in municipal solid waste, nationwide.

Learn more and Sign-Up at:

[www.HRRA.org](http://www.HRRA.org)

Click on the link:  
Organics Collection

## Acceptable material for Commercial Composting

- Meat, Poultry (bones also)
- Fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy Products
- Flower & Vegetable Garden Waste
- Houseplants & Flower Bouquets
- Fruits & Nuts (including pits)
- Vegetables **\*\*\*Remove stickers, bands and ties\*\*\***
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
- Sauces, Soup & Gravy
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Tea Bags
- Egg Shells
- Plate Scrapings

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# How It Works

*It's easy!*



- Program will begin Saturday, November 14th at the Transfer Station.
- There will be a Kick-Off event that Saturday. Participants will receive their starter kits that will include a kitchen counter collection bin, 6 months of compostable bags. There will be a chance for residents to ask questions.
- Participants will receive free compost annually from New England Compost.

*There's value in  
our food scraps*



Instead of throwing out your food waste, spoiled foods, and leftover meats, vegetables, bread, etc., we can take this food waste and reuse it in an eco-friendly and environmentally beneficial way.

The more food waste we recycle, the less is dumped into landfill space or sent to waste to energy facilities. Large amounts of organic material in landfills produces methane, a greenhouse gas with a stronger warming effect than carbon dioxide. We can do our part to reduce methane emissions by improving our food waste management and organic recycling efforts.

Processed food waste compost produces organic fertilizers that are the “green alternative” to chemical fertilizers. When composted organic materials are used to nourish soil for other vegetables & grains to grow, or used as feed for livestock, the cycle of life is continued.

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