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ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
A User's Guide to

Drop-Off Food Scrap Collection

That's right! Now you can bring your food scraps to your local drop-off instead of putting them in the trash!

HOW?

- Getting started is as easy as 1-2-3!
- Get a bucket with a lid and a kitchen collector for your food scraps. **See reverse for supplies from ACSWMD!**
 - Fill your kitchen collector with food scraps and when full, empty in bucket.
 - 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.
- Comply with VT's Universal Recycling Law early (by 2020 food scraps will be banned from the landfill).

The "KEEP OUT" List

- NO Produce Stickers
- NO Twist ties
- NO Human or pet waste
- NO Plastic products of any kind
- NO Paper products (other than coffee filters, tea bags, & brown paper bags as bucket liners).
- NO 'Compostable' products such as plates and utensils (except certified BPI bag liners - **MUST** have this symbol



***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 is offering the following:

ACSWMD Food Scrap Collection Bucket and Lid



Each household may receive one 5-gallon bucket at no charge. You can line your buckets with brown paper bags or newspaper to keep them clean. You can also purchase BPI Certified compostable bags; however, they **MUST** have this symbol: otherwise, they won't break down properly.



Sure Close Kitchen Collector: \$5

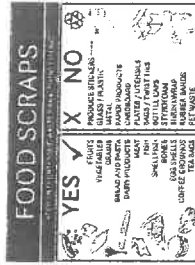
For purchase at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury.

- Easy to open lock lid with perforations for venting. Wide opening allows easy scraping of plates.
- Dishwasher Safe!



Stickers for your bucket and/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 (even the fridge or freezer) to help keep the bugs away. This also reduces the smell. Further, cleaning your container and dumping often will deter insects and prevent odors.

QUESTIONS?? Call us or visit our website ↓



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ACSWMD MEMBER TOWN DROP-OFF RESOURCES

ACSWMD will provide the following for each drop-off, and therefore for the haulers who manage food scraps at mobile or town-operated drop-offs:

- A total of two 35-gallon totes for each drop off (toters are owned by ACSWMD and lent to towns and haulers for drop-off centers). A full tote can be swapped for an empty tote at the Transfer Station.
- BPI Certified BioBag Liners for the 35-gallon totes.



- Educational brochures, PLU collection sheets and food scrap guide stickers for drop-off customers.



- Metal signage for drop-offs.
- Advertising to Addison County residents about new collection systems at the drop-offs.



If you have any questions, or are in need of more educational resources at your local drop-off, please call us at 802-388-2333. Thank you!



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