



Food scraps & soiled paper

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148), phases in mandated separation of food scraps for businesses. In 2020, food scraps will be banned from the landfill for *everyone*. The state law encourages us all to prioritize disposal of leftovers and scraps:

- ① **Source reduction:** Smarter shopping → less waste!
- ② **Food for people:** Donate usable food to Vermonters in need.
- ③ **Food for animals:** Find a farmer who could feed animals with your leftovers.
- ④ **Composting:** In your own backyard or bring to farmers or composting facilities.
- ⑤ **Energy recovery:** Biodigesters extract energy from those scraps!

Want help figuring out what's best for you? Contact us! We're here to help!

WHAT IS COMPOSTABLE?

All items below are accepted at Green Mountain Compost and CSWD Drop-Off Centers. Some items are not recommended for backyard compost bins and piles.

FOOD SCRAPS (anything edible)	SOILED & OTHER NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER	YARD TRIMMINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • table scraps • fruits, veggies • bread, rice, pasta • shells, rinds • coffee grounds • coffee filters • paper tea bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper napkins & towels • uncoated paper plates • oily take-out pizza boxes • wet or soiled paper bags & newspaper <p>NOTE: Tear paper into smaller pieces to speed the process in backyard systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flour, potato & sugar bags (no plastic liners) • uncoated butcher paper • leaves • garden & house plants, weeds • grass, hay, straw <p>NO soil, sod, branches, or woody debris</p>
<p>Great for Drop-Off Composting but NOT recommended for backyard composting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meat, bones & fish • shellfish • dairy products • fats & cooking oils 		



NO plastic **NO** glass **NO** condiment packets or cups **NO** waxed paper **NO** metal **NO** foil **NO** straws or swizzle sticks **NO** produce stickers **NO** glossy or plastic-coated paper **NO** twist-ties **NO** rubber bands **NO** human or pet waste/litter **NO** dryer lint **NO** utensils or compostable plastic products unless they meet specifications listed at greenmountaincompost.com

DROP-OFF COMPOSTING



No time or space to compost at home? Try our **FREE** Drop-Off Composting program at Drop-Off Centers and Green Mountain Compost for moderate amounts of material.

LOCATIONS: CSWD Drop-Off Centers and Green Mountain Compost.

- **CSWD provides a FREE food scrap collection bucket and a kitchen countertop pail to get you started!**
- **Compostable liners for sale at Green Mountain Compost.**

CONTAINERS & BACKYARD COMPOSTING

CSWD sells backyard compost bins and digesters, and kitchen counter-top food-scrap collection pails — and offers a **FREE** starter kitchen pail! All are available at Green Mountain Compost, 1042 Redmond Rd., Williston. See p. 4.

