


## Got Food Scraps?



Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, was adopted in 2012 to reduce the amount of waste filling up the state's remaining landfill. **Beginning July 1 2020**, Vermont residents join businesses, institutions, schools, & special events in the requirement to divert food waste from trash disposal. When food scraps end up in the landfill, methane gas is released, contributing to climate change.

- Diverting uneaten food to food pantries, animal feed, and/or to composting, helps conserve our landfill space, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and keeps these resources local to redistribute to our neighbors, provide feed for backyard chickens or farm livestock, or recycle into a rich soil amendment.

### *Townshend residents have convenient options for diverting food scraps from the trash:*

- Be a smart shopper! Plan ahead, eat what you buy (and save money!), rotate food in the refrigerator to be eaten before it spoils, & foster a love for leftovers!
- Feed leftovers to backyard chickens or give to a local farmer for livestock feed.
- Drop-off food scraps at the collection cart located at the Townshend Highway Garage. 
  - *See the reverse side of this flyer for a list of acceptable food scraps at the Townshend food scrap collection cart.*
- Drop-off food scraps at the Windham Solid Waste Management District's (WSWMD) Transfer Station dumpster (327 Old Ferry Rd., Brattleboro).
- Compost food scraps in a backyard composting bin. For information on how to compost food scraps to avoid attracting wildlife, visit [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org). Stay tuned for backyard composting workshops in Vernon or the WSWMD Backyard Composting Demo Site.

### How Townshend's NEW Food Scrap Collection Service works

**Step 1:** Pick-up a free compostable bag at the Transfer Station. ALL food scraps must be placed in the compostable bag in order to be collected.

**Step 2:** Fill the compostable bag with leftover food scraps (see list on the back of this flyer)

**Step 3:** Bring the bag to the Transfer Station and put it in the FoodScraps Collection Cart

The Townshend Transfer Station hours are:

2:00-6:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturdays



## What Goes in the TOWNSHEND Food Scrap collection bag?

### Food Scraps

- Bread/Rolls/Crackers
- Rice/Pasta/Beans
- Egg Shells
- Cheese/Dairy Products
- Meat/Bones
- Fish/Shellfish
- Fruits/Vegetables
- Tea Bags
- Coffee Grounds/Filters

### Other Organics

- Paper Towels/Napkins/Tissues
- Waxed/Parchment Paper
- Paper Plates/Cups/Egg Cartons
- Greasy Pizza Boxes (please cut/fold)

- **Please do not put trash or plastic—bags, wrappers, utensils, styrofoam™, aseptic cartons—in the food scrap dumpsters**
- ❑ **No yard trimmings or livestock manure in the food scrap dumpsters; call the District (257-0272) for composting options for these materials.**

*For more information on using the Townshend Food Scrap Collection Program or WSWMD food scrap dumpsters; purchasing backyard compost bins and kitchen caddies; or, options for composting yard trimmings, livestock bedding/manure, call 257-0272 or visit [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org). Food scraps collected in Townshend are recycled into compost at WSWMD. Tours of the WSWMD compost facility are available upon request. To purchase **Brattlegrow** compost, contact WSWMD.*



## Townshend Recycles!

Many Townshend residents already know that recyclables are not supposed to be tossed in the trash. Residents may bring recyclables and trash to the Transfer Station in Townshend. At WSWMD, books, electronics, paint/paint products, motor oil, scrap metal, and other items can be dropped off for recycling; charges may apply. Visit [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org) or call 257-0272 for information; check the website for a handy “A to Z Guide” to proper disposal and recycling.



### **Recyclables Don't Belong in the Trash or in Your Pay as You Throw Bags!**

**PLEASE RECYCLE!**: Cardboard; Boxboard (cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.); Paper (junk mail, office paper, envelopes, etc.); Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids (empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers); Aluminum & Steel Cans (foil & empty food & beverage cans); Glass Bottles & Jars (empty food & beverage bottles & jars).

*These services are made possible by the Town of Townshend & the Townshend Public Works Department.*