



Drop-Off Composting Tips

Since July of 2020, Vermont’s Universal Recycling law (Act 148) has banned the disposal of food scraps in the trash or landfills. “Why? Keeping food scraps out of the trash saves landfill space and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing food waste saves resources. Food donation has nearly tripled since the law was passed.” – VT ANR DEC Food Scrap Ban Guidance webpage.

or dedicated compost hauler
kitchen scraps (edible food) or farms for animal feed
(see list of locations at the end of this article)

Not other
Food scraps are
not accepted if they are
derived from
non-compostable

herb tea

seafood

are compostable with drop-off composting:
compostable bags used for lining food scrap containers (confirm with your local District)
paper only)
paper bags used to line food scrap containers
– only if they do not contain body fluids or chemicals of any kind
toothpicks (no plastic frills), chopsticks

Materials NOT accepted (check with your Solid Waste District to confirm):

Resources:

- <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/organic-materials>
- <https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wmp/SolidWaste/Documents/Universal-Recycling/Food-Scrap-Ban-Guidance.pdf>
- Local solid waste districts: <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/local-districts>