

RIDGEFIELD ORGANICS (FOOD SCRAPS) Drop-Off Program

NEW
Recycling
Program
for Ridgefield
Residents



More food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in municipal solid waste, nationwide...

The Town of Ridgefield has a new recycling program for food scraps. It's easy, stop by the recycling center and pick-up your FREE collection kit, that includes a kitchen counter pail, compostable bags and a 7 gallon carry container. Once its full you bring it to the recycling center to be disposed of for \$3. This should save you money each month as you won't need your regular household trash to be picked up as often. Each spring participants will receive compost for your garden. Help Ridgefield be a leader in the state for waste reduction, join today!

Learn more about the
Ridgefield organics food
scraps program, visit:

www.HRRA.org

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



How It Works

It's easy!



- Pick-up your FREE kit at the Recycling Center. The kit includes a 1 gallon kitchen pail, 6 months of compostable bags, and a 7 gallon carry container.
- As needed bring your scraps to the recycling center. It's \$3 each time you tip your container. This fee covers the cost to transport the material to New England Compost and have it processed.
- 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.

To learn more go to: www.hrra.org