



# Managing Food Scraps

## Summary for Addison County Businesses



### What's required

Starting July 1, 2020, all food scraps will be banned from the trash in Vermont.

“Food scraps” means trimmings and byproducts from prepping food and discarded or unwanted pre- and post-consumer food, even spoiled or partially-eaten food. This includes: meat, bones, and sea-food; oils and fats; all parts of fruits and vegetables; eggs, egg shells; dairy products; breads; grains and beans; soups, sauces, and condiments; tea, coffee grounds, and filters; nuts and nut shells.

Collect scraps in labeled, washable containers like 5-gallon buckets. ACSWMD can provide buckets, signs, stickers, and staff training. Train staff to keep out prohibited items, listed below.

**Only food is accepted. Keep out:** produce stickers, paper products, packaging, plastic bags, and other non-compostable items. Also keep out all compostable products, compostable food service-ware, and any bags other than cart liners provided by ACSWMD or your hauler. **No food serviceware of any kind (even if sold as compostable) is accepted for composting in Addison County.**

### Your options

Reduce your food waste to minimize the scraps you have to manage. Get tips at [scrapfoodwaste.org](http://scrapfoodwaste.org). Then, choose from the options below:

#### 1. Get food scraps picked up by a waste hauler.

Starting July 1, 2020, waste haulers will be required to offer food scrap collection to non-residential customers and apartment buildings with four or more units. **Only food is accepted.** See prohibited materials above. Find a list of food scrap haulers at [acswmd.org/about/haulers/list](http://acswmd.org/about/haulers/list).

#### 2. Take food scraps to the District Transfer Station or to your town drop-off.

**Only food is accepted.** See prohibited materials above. Find drop-offs at [acswmd.org/about/towns/drop-off](http://acswmd.org/about/towns/drop-off).

#### 3. Compost on-site or use a Green Cone Solar Digester.

Businesses' meat & bones must be managed separately from a compost pile, such as in a Green Cone. Composting requires management. More info: [acswmd.org/food-scraps/composting/101](http://acswmd.org/food-scraps/composting/101).

#### 4. Give food scraps to pig or chicken farmers.

Only food scraps that are free of and have not come into contact with meat, fish, or their oils/ juices may be fed to pigs. Chickens may be fed any food scraps. More info: [acswmd.org/food-scraps/recovery/feed-animals](http://acswmd.org/food-scraps/recovery/feed-animals).

