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ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
A User's Guide to

Drop-Off Food Scrap Collection

That's right! Now you can bring your food scraps to your local drop-off instead of putting them in the trash!

HOW?

Getting started is as easy as 1-2-3!

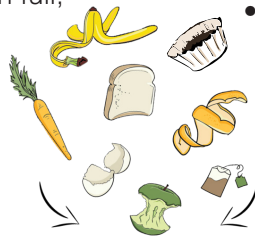
1. Get a bucket with a lid and a kitchen collector for your food scraps. **See reverse for supplies from ACSWMD!**
2. Fill your kitchen collector with food scraps and when full, empty in bucket.
3. Empty your bucket at your local drop-off during normal hours.

WHY?

- Take out your trash less often and reduce its smell!
- Keeping one 5-gallon bucket of food scraps out of the landfill is like reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from 1 gallon of gas in a car.
- Comply with VT's Universal Recycling Law early (by 2020 food scraps will be banned from the landfill).

The "IN" List

- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Tea bags (paper only) & loose tea
- Meat, bones, shellfish & seafood*
- Bread & pasta, rice & grains
- Cheese & dairy*
- Soups and sauces
- Oils & fats*
- Eggs & egg shells*



The "KEEP OUT" List

- NO Produce Stickers
- NO Twist ties
- NO Human or pet waste
- NO Plastic products of any kind
- NO Paper products (other than coffee filters, tea bags, & brown paper bags as bucket liners).
- NO 'Compostable' products such as plates and utensils (except certified BPI bag liners -

***While these items should not be composted in your backyard, they are accepted at our Drop-Offs.**



← **MUST have this symbol!**

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Resources and Tips

To help you get started, ACSWMD is offering the following:

ACSWMD Food Scrap Collection Bucket and Lid



Each household may receive one 5-gallon bucket at no charge. You can line your buckets with brown paper bags or newspaper to keep them clean. You can also purchase BPI Certified compostable bags; however, they **MUST** have this symbol: otherwise, they won't break down properly.



Sure Close Kitchen Collector: \$5

For purchase at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury.

- Easy to open lock lid with perforations for venting. Wide opening allows easy scraping of plates.
- Dishwasher Safe!



Stickers for your bucket and/or fridge

Adorn your bucket, kitchen collector or refrigerator with a helpful sticker outlining what can and cannot go in food scrap collection at the drop-offs.

FOOD SCRAPS			
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YES ✓	FRUITS VEGETABLES GRAINS BREAD AND PASTA DAIRY PRODUCTS MEAT FISH SHELLFISH BONES EGG SHELLS COFFEE GROUND TEA BAGS	X NO	PRODUCE STICKERS GLASS / PLASTIC METAL PAPER PRODUCTS CARDBOARD PLATES / UTENSILS BAGS / TWIST TIES BOTTLE CAPS STYROFOAM SHRINKWRAP RUBBER BANDS PET WASTE

Troubleshooting:

Fruit flies and odors: When it gets hot, insects can become more active. Place your kitchen collector in a cool place (even the fridge or freezer) to help keep the bugs away. This also reduces the smell. Further, cleaning your container and dumping often will deter insects and prevent odors.

QUESTIONS?? Call us or visit our website ↓



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