

Portland Food Scrap Recycling Guide



*A free food scrap recycling program
for Portland residents*

Brought to you by the
Town of Portland and
Blue Earth Compost
Starting July 6, 2023



COMPOST

MEAT & BONES



SHELLFISH & FISH PRODUCTS



EGG SHELLS & DAIRY



FRUITS & VEGETABLE SCRAPS



BREADS & CEREALS



COFFEE GROUNDS, FILTERS, & TEA BAGS



OTHER THINGS TO COMPOST:

CONDIMENTS & SPICES | PITS & PEELS
FOOD SOILED PAPER | UNCOATED PAPER PLATES
PAPER TOWELS | PLANTS & HERBS | INCIDENTAL OILS & FATS

DON'T COMPOST

CORKS



PLASTIC



CANDELES



METAL / ALUMINUM FOIL



STYROFOAM



GLASS OF ANY KIND



GUM



OTHER THINGS TO NOT COMPOST:

TWIST TIES | RUBBER BANDS | DISPOSABLE MOPS / CLEANING SHEETS
FIREPLACE OR BARBECUE ASHES | HOT LIQUIDS | PLASTIC GLOVES
ENGLISH MUFFIN CARTONS | WAXY CARDBOARD | MILK CARTONS
CLEAN PIZZA BOXES (RECYCLE) | COFFEE PODS



HAVE QUESTIONS?
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Why is Portland removing food scraps from municipal waste?

Food scraps make up about 25% of trash. When this brochure was printed, Portland was paying \$110/ton for municipal waste to be hauled to out of state landfills.

Food Scraps are NOT Trash. Food can be converted into compost. Compost improves soil quality for plant growth, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, helps to retain water in the soil and reduces soil erosion. Putting food scraps into a landfill creates methane, a greenhouse gas which contributes to global warming. The Quantum BioPower anaerobic digester in Southington is able to use the methane to create renewable energy while also making compost.

You can help! The more Portland residents that participate in this program, the more pounds we will remove from the municipal waste stream. We hope to see this program grow with more and more bins being filled. **Transfer Station stickers are available at the Transfer Station with proof of residency.**

THANK YOU for participating in Portland's Food Scrap Recycling Program!

For more information visit:
www.portlandct.org or call (860) 342-6733

IT'S SO EASY!

1. Collect your food scraps in a bin using a compostable bag. When full, close off the bag by tying a knot at the open end. Please don't use twist ties or rubber bands.

2. Bring your food scraps to the Transfer Station at 39 Sand Hill Road and dump them into the large bins supplied by Blue Earth Compost. It's important to completely fill one bin before moving on to the next.

3. Repeat! You can go to the Transfer Station at any point. All food scraps will be picked up by Blue Earth Compost and composted at an anaerobic digestion facility in Southington, CT. They'll be turned into nutrient rich soil and renewable energy!

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A limited supply of free compostable bags are available at the Transfer Station and Public Works Office at Town Hall. These bags will help you get started!

You can use any bins that you like. PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS. ONLY COMPOSTABLE (NOT BIODEGRADABLE) BAGS ARE ALLOWED.