

PE5 ACTION: RESIDENTIAL ORGANIC WASTE PROGRAM

Establish a drop-off food waste program

The Village of Irvington established a drop-off food waste program in 2018. It actively participates in the Town of Greenburgh's food scrap recycling program. All food scraps, including but not limited to meat, bones, dairy, fish, fruit, vegetables, bread, pasta, cooked food, leftover food, etc. are accepted. The food is collected weekly at our Farmers' Market in a dumpster dedicated to food scraps. The collected food scraps are transferred weekly by a private carter to a commercial composting facility located in Ulster County. (see Exhibit "A")

Residents are able to purchase compostable food scrap bags from the Village Monday through Friday from 9AM – 4PM.

In 2018, there were 15.4 tons of food scraps collected.

Establish a community-wide curbside pick-up yard waste program

Irvington has collected yard waste curbside for over 10 years.

The Department of Public Works distributes a sanitation schedule annually to all residents. On the back of this schedule is a detailed description of the curbside yard waste pick-up program community-side. (see Exhibit "B") Locations and days are listed on this schedule as well.

All yard waste is carted away for further processing through an inter-municipal contract with Westchester County.

Organic Waste Program

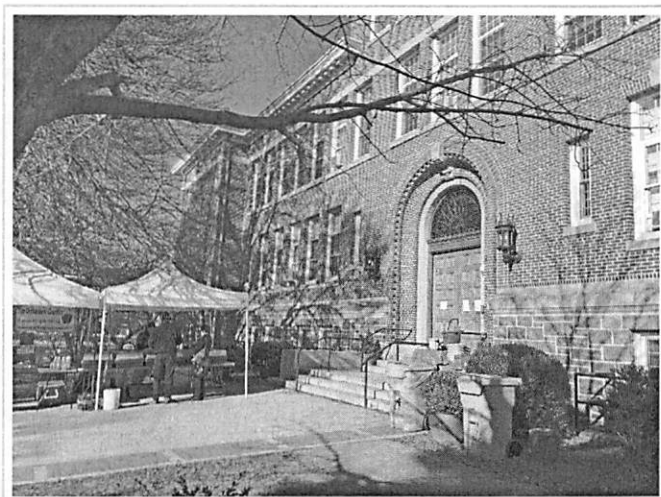
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Food Scrap Recycling

The Village of Irvington is participating in Greenburgh's food scrap recycling program through the village's all-volunteer Green Policy Task Force. Also, check out the [History: Food Scrap Program](#) subpage for additional information on Greenburgh's Food Scrap Recycling Initiative.

Which Food Scraps Can Be Recycled?

All food scraps, including but not limited to meat, bones, dairy, fish, fruit, vegetables, bread, pasta, cooked food, leftover food, etc. will be accepted. The collected food scraps will then be transferred to a commercial composting facility to be recycled into nutrient-rich compost.

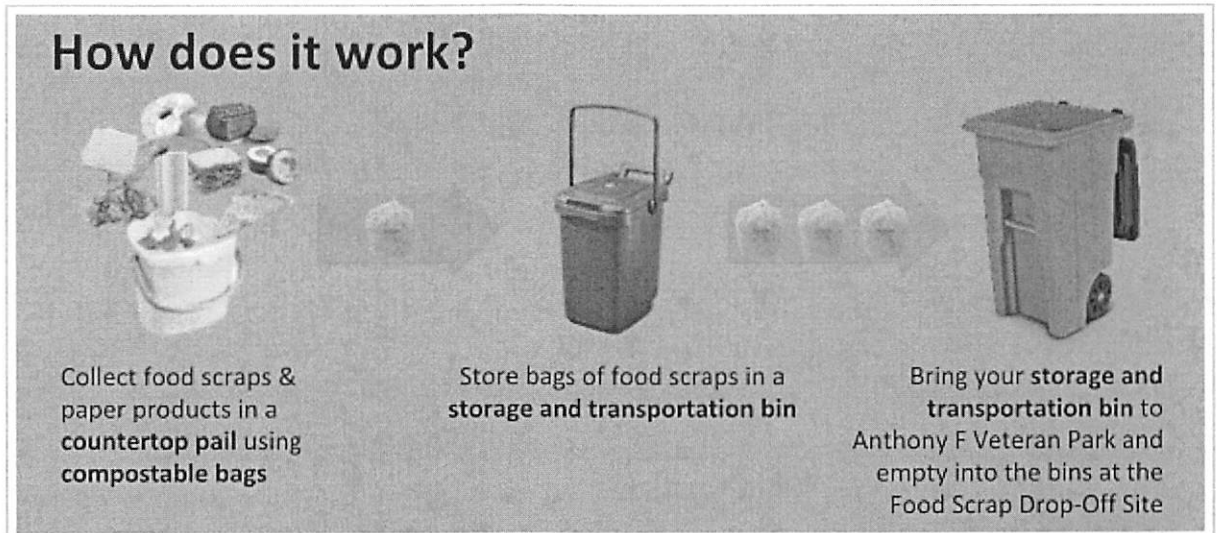


Where Can I Take My Food Scraps?

For your convenience, the Irvington Green Policy Task Force is collecting food scraps right here in Irvington at the Farmers Market at Main Street School! Green Policy Task Force volunteers will collect the food scraps in large bins which are then transported along with food scraps from Main Street School to the processing center in Olster.

The Irvington Farmers Market runs on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9am-1:00pm during the winter (Jan thru April), and then weekly every Sunday during the Summer and Fall. (Please see the [Irvington Farmer's Market page](#) for current schedule details.)

If you cannot come to the Farmers Market to drop off your scraps, please let us know---We may be able to connect you to others in Irvington who can take your food scraps to Anthony F Veteran Park at another time. [Email](#) us to discuss possibilities. Anthony F Veteran Park Hartsdale Drop-off site is open daily from 8am-8pm.



Tips

Complete compost storage kits (kitchen counter caddy, roll of liner bags, and a larger locking bulk transporter) are available for \$20 in the Village Administrator's office in Village Hall, or at the GPTF table during Farmers Market hours (please bring cash or check).

Please use only compostable bags (**not plastic or "bio-degradable" bags**) for your scraps. Additional bags are available at the GPTF's Farmer's Market table, Irvington Village Hall, or at Anthony F Veteran Park in Hartsdale (Greenburgh). Cost is \$2 for a roll of 25 bags.

Un-bagged food scraps will also be accepted at the drop off.

To reduce odors, we recommend saving meat, fish, and bone leftovers in your freezer until ready to transfer to the Farmers Market.

Please - no plastic bags, rubber bands, twist ties or wires. Only food scraps, paper towel and napkins.

Read the [Food Scrap Recycling flyer \(PDF\)](#) for more information and suggestions.

FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING IN GREENBURGH

The Town of Greenburgh and Greenburgh Nature Center will launch a food scrap recycling program **January 17th!** Residents will be able to bring ALL food scraps to the Food Scrap Drop-Off Site at Anthony F Veteran Park. We are proudly the largest municipality in Westchester to offer this service!

This program will be for more than just backyard composting items: all food scraps will be accepted, including fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, dairy, bones, bread, rice, pasta, raw and cooked food, as well as cut flowers, napkins, paper towels and wax paper. The material will then be brought to a compost facility and turned into soil!

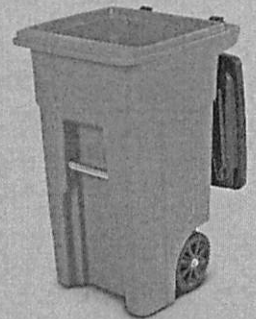
How does it work?



Collect food scraps & paper products in a **countertop pail** using **compostable bags**



Store bags of food scraps in a **storage and transportation bin**



Bring your **storage and transportation bin** to Anthony F Veteran Park and empty into the bins at the Food Scrap Drop-Off Site

What do I need to start?

Although they are not required to participate, food scrap recycling “starter kits” make it easy! They are available at Greenburgh Nature Center and Anthony F Veteran Park for \$20/kit (checks only). Kits include:

- Countertop Pail
- Storage and Transportation Bin
- Roll of 25 Compostable Bags



Questions?

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Drop-Off Site - Anthony F Veteran Park - Open Daily - 8am-8pm

