

Bronxville Green Committee

Strong & Sustainable. *Protecting what we love!*



Our Programs

Climate Smart Community (CSC) is a NY State program that supports local governments in leading their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the effects of climate change, and thrive in a green economy. Bronxville has recently registered as a CSC and is working to meet the important requirements for Bronze status!

The Bronxville Giving Garden is a community-centered garden that donates organic produce to local food banks in Westchester. The garden is also a gathering place where school children and volunteers can discover the joy of gardening and growing food.

The Bronxville Pollinator Pathways group is part of a larger regional network. Our goal is to link up pesticide-free native plant gardens to form pathways that pollinators, birds, and insects can follow in search of food and habitat.

Healthy Yards perform many essential ecological functions. We help residents restore natural systems in their yards that support plant and animal diversity with chemical-free care and maintenance. Yes, you can have a beautiful yard without using chemicals!

Take Back Day is sponsored twice a year by the Bronxville Green Committee in conjunction with Bronxville's DPW to offer a mobile shredder for sensitive documents and to collect for reuse or recycling clothing, electronics, and other donations.

Food Scrap Recycling, a residential composting program coming to Bronxville in the Fall 2021, provides residents with a starter kit and a drop-off site to make it easy to recycle food scraps -- returning vital nutrients to the soil.

Clean Energy programs and incentives are available through state and regional organizations. We offer residents the resources they need to easily transition to clean energy for their home and transportation needs.

About Us

The Bronxville Green Committee, which is part of our local government, is a volunteer organization working to propose and implement environmentally sustainable programs in our community.



Join Us

We believe every resident and family can make a positive impact and we hope to be a helpful resource in the process.

Please visit our new website to learn more about our programs, sustainable living, and to get involved!

bronxvillegreencommittee.org

You can also find us on the Village of Bronxville website.



Recycling in Westchester Works!

Visit us at www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org for more tips and updated information on recycling.

County officials confirm that 100% of what is collected is recycled. According to the 2018 Annual Report, Westchester recovered 70,635 tons of waste through its curbside collection program; the sale of that material generated \$4.2 million in revenue. It also saved \$5.4 million that would have been spent in tipping fees if this material were treated as garbage. View the report on our website.

Recycle Right!

Recycling rules can be confusing and recycling incorrectly can cause problems. These include contaminating the material being collected, thereby decreasing its value, and damaging recycling equipment. In 2018, NY State launched the Recycle Right campaign to improve our recycling system and educate residents on how to properly recycle and reduce waste through reuse.

Step 1: Know your local recycling guidelines

- See [Westchester County Quick Recycling Guide](http://www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org/recyclingtips) at bronxvillegreencommittee.org/recyclingtips
- Visit the NYS Recycle Right "Recyclopedia" at recyclerightny.org or download the [Recycle Right Westchester app](#) by Sustainable Westchester. Both provide curbside trash and recycling guidelines. They also have a searchable tool to confirm how to properly dispose of and recycle over 300 common household items as well as resources to help you donate or sell your goods for reuse.
- Don't "wish cycle." When in doubt, throw it out!

Step 2: Properly prepare your recyclables

- Plastic, metal, and glass containers should be rinsed and dry. You can put the plastic top back on. Don't put them in plastic bags, keep them loose in bins.
- Cardboard and paperboard boxes should be empty and flat. Do your best to remove tape, labels, and staples, as well as film plastic such as cellophane windows. Trash any contaminated portions, such as the greasy part of the pizza box.

Step 3: Protect recyclables from bad weather

- Use a recycling bin with a secure lid to prevent items from blowing away or getting wet. If inclement weather is expected the night before pickup day, consider waiting and putting the bin curbside early the following morning. The less wet the better!

Step 4: Purchase products made from recycled materials

- Purchasing products made from recycled material helps to support our local recycling system by creating a demand for collected material. When shopping, look for packaging that says, "Made from post-consumer recycled content."

An IMPORTANT note about all film plastic recycling! Never put any type of plastic bag or packaging in your curbside pickup. Film plastic is recycled through a different process. This includes carry out bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, plastic wrapping and more. You can drop off this film plastic at the Acme in Bronxville (there's a designated bin by the exit) or at any other large grocer.

For information on how to dispose of and recycle items that are not included in curbside pickup, please visit the Waste Not section of our website.