

Let's Scrap Food Waste!

Eat what you buy. Compost the scraps.

If you already compost, read no further! If not, we can help!

Climate change may seem like a problem too big to deal with in our daily lives. But we can do some things that are not going to bust our budget and, in fact, may save money.

Start with food. The production, distribution, and disposal of food significantly contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. Food waste makes up 22% of Connecticut's trash. We can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by composting food instead of incinerating it along with our trash.

If you currently put your food in a compost pile or bring it to the Mansfield Transfer Station for composting, thank you! That is the best way to deal with scraps. **If you don't have a backyard, or are not ready to start a compost pile for scraps at home, we now have two new options for you.**

OPTION 1:

Weekly Curbside Food Scrap Collection

\$14.75/ month (first month is free)

- You will receive a 6-gallon container to collect food scraps
- Place at the curb to be emptied weekly by Blue Earth Compost
- Collection will begin once we have 100 households signed up
- Benefits: Eliminates the management of a backyard compost pile, includes meat, bones, fats

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OPTION 2:

In-Home FoodCycler

\$20.00/ month

- You will receive a FoodCycler that will dehydrate food scraps
- Rental includes tech support and regular filter replacements
- The resulting finished material is perfect for sprinkling on the ground or composting
- Benefit: Eliminates the management of a compost pile, includes most bones and all meat, odorless process

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Which is the right option for you? Below shows the order of best to worst practices for handling food scraps based on greenhouse gas emissions impacts.

