

Mansfield Food Scrap Composting Guide



IT'S SO EASY!

1. **Sign Up** and receive a 6-gallon container to place at the curb to be serviced by Blue Earth Compost. To sign up visit mansfieldct.gov/setupservice.
2. **Collect** your food scraps. You can fill the 6-gallon container directly or you can use an intermediate countertop container. You are allowed to use BPI-certified compostable bags, if you so choose. There is a list of what is acceptable and what is not is on the back of this page.
3. **Bring** your food scraps to the curb before 6am on collection day.
4. **Repeat!**

All food scraps will be picked up by Blue Earth Compost and composted. At the time of printing, the scraps were being brought to an anaerobic digestion facility in Southington, CT. They'll be turned into nutrient rich soil and renewable energy!

This program is an optional add-on to trash and recycling services and it will cost \$14.75 per month. A free 1 month trial is available for all residents!

Why is Mansfield removing food scraps from municipal waste?

Food scraps make up about 22% of trash. When this brochure was printed, Mansfield was paying \$115/ton for trash to be hauled down to Preston to be incinerated.

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 an incinerator creates carbon dioxide and other pollutants. It also means that the nutrients and organic material in the food is lost in the process.

You can help! The more Mansfield 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.

THANK YOU for participating in Mansfield's Food Scrap Composting Program!

For more information visit:

<https://mansfieldct.org/trash>

Or reach out to Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator

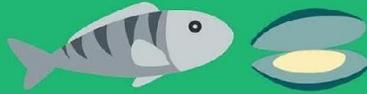
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COMPOST



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



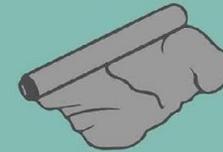
CORKS



PLASTIC



CANDLES



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



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