

# RIDGEFIELD ORGANICS (FOOD SCRAPS) Drop-Off Program

Recycling  
Program  
for Ridgefield  
Residents



*More food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in municipal solid waste, nationwide...*

The Town of Ridgefield offers a recycling program for food scraps. It's easy! Just stop by the Recycling Center and pick-up your FREE collection kit that includes a kitchen counter pail, compostable bags and a 7 gallon carry container. Once the carry container is full bring it to the Recycling Center to be disposed of for \$3. Removing organics from household garbage should save you money each month as you won't need your regular household trash picked up as often. Each spring participants will receive finished compost for the garden. Help Ridgefield be a leader in CT for waste reduction - join today!

Learn more about the  
Ridgefield Organics Food  
Scraps program, visit:

[www.HRRA.org](http://www.HRRA.org)

## **Acceptable material for Commercial Composting**

- Meat, Poultry (bones also)
- Fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy Products
- Flower & Vegetable Garden Waste
- Houseplants & Flower Bouquets
- Fruits & Nuts (including pits)
- Vegetables **\*\*\*Remove stickers, bands and ties\*\*\***
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
- Sauces, Soup & Gravy
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Tea Bags
- Egg Shells
- Plate Scrapings



# How It Works

*It's easy!*



- Pick-up your FREE kit at the Recycling Center. The kit includes a 1 gallon kitchen pail, 6 months of compostable bags, and a 7 gallon carry container.
- Bring your food scraps to the Recycling Center as needed. It's \$3 each time you tip your container. This fee covers the cost to transport the material to New England Compost and have it processed.
- Participants will receive free compost annually in the Spring.

*There's value in our food scraps*



Instead of throwing out your food waste, spoiled foods, and leftover meats, vegetables, bread, etc., residents can take food waste and reuse it in an eco-friendly and environmentally beneficial way.

The more food waste we recycle, the less that gets dumped into out-of-state landfill space or sent to waste-to-energy facilities. Large amounts of organic material in landfills produces methane, a greenhouse gas with a stronger warming effect than carbon dioxide. We can do our part to reduce methane emissions by improving our food waste management and organic recycling efforts.

Composted food waste produces organic fertilizers that are the "green alternative" to chemical fertilizers. When composted organic materials are used to nourish soil for growing other vegetables and grains or as feed for livestock, the cycle of life is continued.

To learn more go to: [www.hrra.org](http://www.hrra.org)