



BARRINGTON

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Expanded Food Scrap Compost Collections



It's easy! Collect acceptable food scraps into a small household container and empty as necessary into your 95 gallon compost cart. Place curbside on Fridays, mid-March through mid-December. Residents are encouraged to utilize their own internal container for home use (i.e. coffee can or countertop composting container). Organic food scrap material may now be placed directly into the 95 gallon compost cart along with yard waste (NO plastic, biodegradable or compostable bags). Yard waste carts contaminated with unacceptable materials will not be collected.

Food Scrap Compost Program

Barrington residents are permitted to place approved food scrap materials inside their 95 gallon compost cart. Collection will continue to occur on Fridays with regular recycling and refuse pickup.

What Can Be Composted



YES

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Breads
- Grains
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Dairy -no liquids- (cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt, butter)
- Eggshells
- Coffee Grounds & Tea Leaves

NO

- Teabags & Coffee Filters
- Meat
- Poultry or Seafood (no shells or bones)
- Paper Products (paper towels, plates, napkins, egg cartons, pizza boxes)
- Glass
- Plastics or Styrofoam
- Diapers
- Pet Litter or Waste
- Liquids
- Grease or Oil

Food Scrap Composting FAQs

Why compost? Composting keeps food waste out of landfills, where it takes up space, produces methane and often cannot decompose due to anaerobic conditions. Composted food breaks down quickly and produces healthy soil.

Why can't we have food scrap collection year round? Currently the most cost-effective method of collection is to mix food scraps with yard waste, which is currently collected March-December. The Village's goal is to eventually have year-round collection.

Does food scrap cost us money to collect? While the cost to process food scrap with yard waste may increase, the cost to collect does not. There is no additional cost to Barrington residents.

Why can't we compost meat and paper products? These materials are not currently accepted at our designated compost facilities. As more facilities are permitted to open we anticipate the inclusion of a wider range of items.

Will the food scraps smell? Weekly collection of food scraps combined with yard waste will minimize odors. Residents are encouraged to rinse out the 95 gallon carts weekly to help keep the cart as clean as possible. Refrigerating or freezing food scrap material will decrease house odors.

May we use separate containers for Groot collection? No, food scraps must be placed ONLY in your designated 95 gallon compost cart for Friday collection.

Are there food scrap containers available for Barrington residents? No, residents are encouraged to use their own personal containers that best suits their kitchen area. While small containers are available at local retailers for purchase, a coffee can often works well for internal daily use.

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