

# WIXOM RESIDENTS: FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING IS NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR CITY!

## IF IT GROWS, IT GOES!

Instead of sending organics to the landfill where they will be wasted, **Wixom residents can now place food scraps with their yard waste** to be collected weekly at curbside. These scraps, like your yard waste, will be composted and used in gardens and city projects, thus creating healthy, nutrient-rich soil and cleaner air.

## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Food scraps are the largest contributor to U.S. landfills today. Methane, the gas they create when breaking down in landfills, is 86 times more potent than carbon dioxide and is a major source of air pollution. Taking part in this program will keep food scraps out of the landfill!

Composting food scraps with your yard waste also reduces your carbon footprint, resulting in less impact on the environment overall. Feel good about doing your part!

Remember to take your food scraps to your yard waste container or paper yard waste bag every few days to avoid unpleasant odors!

Please no plastic bags, twist ties, rubber bands, or any other non-compostable items.



The process of collecting your food scraps begins in the kitchen. Use a small container conveniently placed on the countertop or under the sink to hold your food scraps before adding them to your yard waste. Try repurposing an old container such as a plastic ice cream or margarine tub!

## GETTING STARTED



Place a conveniently-sized, lidded food scrap container in the kitchen. Review or print the list of accepted items.



Collect your scraps, expired foods or leftovers in your container. Wrap them in newspaper to help avoid pests and odors.



When your kitchen container is full, place your food scraps in with your yard waste to be collected at curbside and composted.

## WHAT'S ACCEPTED NO GLASS, PLASTIC, METAL, OR LIQUIDS



Coffee & Coffee Filters  
No K-Cups



Fruit & Vegetables



Napkins & Paper Towels  
(free of cleaning products)



Fats & Grease



Breads, Grains & Beans



Eggshells



Dairy Products



Meats & Bones