# NEWTOWN ORGANICS (FOOD SCRAPS) Drop-Off Program

NEW
Recycling
Program
for Newtown
Residents







The Town of Newtown, in collaboration with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, is pleased to announce a new recycling program for food scraps.

The food scraps will be taken to New England Compost in Danbury and will be made into compost.

The new drop-off program will start Saturday, November 14th at the Transfer Station.

Newtown will be a leader in the state for waste reduction. More food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in municipal solid waste, nationwide.

#### Learn more and Sign-Up at:

www.HRRA.org

Click on the link:
Organics Collection



#### 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!



- Program will begin Saturday, November 14th at the Transfer Station.
- There will be a Kick-Off event that Saturday. Participants will receive their starter kits that will include a kitchen counter collection bin, 6 months of compostable bags. There will be a chance for residents to ask questions.
- Participants will receive free compost annually from New England Compost.

## There's value in our food scraps



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

The more food waste we recycle, the less is dumped into landfill space or sent to waste to enegy facilties. 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.

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

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