

# Composting Pilot/Food Scrap Recycling Program has Started!

## Composting Pilot Program

### Food Scrap Recycling: *It's Easy!*

Durham-Middlefield Food Scrap Recycling pilot project starting September 1, 2021. All material collected is brought to a commercial composting facility where it is turned into compost.

#### **Here's How to Do It:**

#### **1. PURCHASE YOUR STARTER KIT, STARTING AUGUST 1:**

The \$25 Starter Kit fee includes:

- A two-gallon countertop pail
- A six-gallon home storage and transportation bin (both covered)
- A roll of 25 compostable bags for your countertop pail

Kits can be ordered:

- On-line through [Venmo](#).

Kits can be purchased, or picked up if prepaid through Venmo, at:

- [The Durham Farmers Market](#) — Thursdays from 3:00-6:30pm.
- [The Middlefield Land Use/Building Department](#) (Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St.) — Monday 8:30am-5:00pm, or Tuesday thru Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm.

Cash accepted. Checks can be made out to: "Coginchaug Area Transition" (with "Compost" in memo line).

2. **COLLECT** your food scraps in the countertop pail, lined with a compostable bag.

3. **TRANSFER** food scraps into the six-gallon bin for weekly storage.

Most residents will fill the two-gallon countertop pail with food scraps 3-4 times per week, which can then be transferred into the six-gallon bin. It is recommended that food storage bins be kept indoors - either in the house or in the garage.

4. **BRING** your bin to the Food Scrap Recycling drop-off bins at the DMIAAB Transfer Station to dispose of your food scraps.

#### **Drop-Off Location and Hours:**

The Food Scrap Recycling drop-off bins are located at the DMIAAB Transfer Station on Cherry Hill Road in Middlefield, right over the Durham town line. Pilot project participants must have

a current DMIAAB Transfer Station sticker, which can be purchased at the Transfer Station site. This will allow access all other services on the site as well as the Food Scrap Recycling pilot program.

The Food Scrap Recycling bins will be open on:

- **Mondays from 8:00am-7:45pm,**
- **Saturdays from 8:00am-3:00pm.**

**Accepted Items: ALL FOOD, including:**

Fruits and Vegetables (remove stickers, bands, ties)  
Meat and poultry (bones ok)  
Fish and shellfish (shells ok)  
Dairy Products  
Bread and Pasta  
Rice and Grains  
Egg Shells  
Chips and Snacks  
Nuts and Seeds  
Leftover, Spoiled, and Expired Food (cooked ok)  
Coffee Grounds (paper filters ok) and Tea Bags (no staples)  
Paper Towels and Napkins  
Cut Flowers  
Compostable Bags and paper bags (no plastic bags)

**Items NOT Accepted/NEVER Allowed:**

- **Plastic bags, plastic packaging, and plastic wrappers.** Plastic does not biodegrade and therefore will contaminate the compost. ***Use only compostable bags, paper bags, or no bags.***
- **Baby/Hand wipes.** They are synthetic, do not biodegrade and will contaminate the compost.
- **Pet waste.**

**Information:**

For questions on the program, please email [compostpilot@gmail.com](mailto:compostpilot@gmail.com)