

FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING



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ACCEPTABLE

- Meat/Fish/Dairy
- Fruit/Vegetables
- Shells/Bones
- Pasta/Rice
- Eggshells/Nutshells
- Bread/Grains
- Leftovers
- Coffee Grounds/Filters - **NO K CUPS**
- Tea Bags
- Soiled Paper Bags
- Kitchen Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins
- Non-coated Paper Plates
- Approved Compostable Containers
- Plants/Flowers
- Jack-O-Lanterns



NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Film/Wrap
- Plastic-Coated Food Containers (i.e Milk Cartons, Ice Cream Containers)
- Styrofoam
- Cups (Any Type)
- Glass
- Metal
- Grease/Liquids
- Pet Waste
- Diapers
- K Cups
- Soil/Rocks
- Stumps/Branches
- Lumber/Fencing
- Yard Waste



www.townofpittsford.org/food-scraps-recycling
www.monroecounty.gov/des-environmentalrecycling



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q | What is the Pittsford Food Scraps Recycling program?

Who can participate?

A | *Beginning in Fall 2023, the Town of Pittsford and Monroe County will collaborate on a pilot program for the collection of residential food scraps as part of Monroe County's Local Solid Waste Management and Climate Action Plans. 500 pre-registered residents of the Town of Pittsford will be eligible to participate.*

Q | What do participants need to do?

A | *Participants need to collect appropriate items from their home (as listed on the supplied Acceptable Items list) in the provided five-gallon bucket and empty these contents into the orange toter at the Town's Dog Park on a regular basis. This site is open daily during daylight hours.*

*Each time residents drop-off, they are asked to scan a **QR code** (found on the label of their bucket and at the drop-off site) and answer a few questions.*

This information will help guide future Monroe County programs.



IMPORTANT: Please be mindful about following ALL guidelines for acceptable materials. Unacceptable items contaminate the food scraps, and if found on a regular basis will lead to the cancellation of the program.

Q | Where does the material go? What happens to it?

A | *Food scraps will be transported regularly by Natural Upcycling to an anaerobic digester – an airtight chamber that uses bacteria to "digest" (break down) the food scraps, which then give off biogas. The gas is used to generate electricity, which is sold back to the grid.*

Q | My bucket is dirty, what can I do?

A |

- Empty your bucket on a regular schedule to prevent odors.
- Rinse your bucket at home after emptying it.
- Line your bucket. Untied BioBag® biodegradable bags or layered paper bags are acceptable.
- Try freezing your food scraps between trips to reduce odors (use an empty bread bag or other temporary storage).

MORE QUESTIONS?

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REGISTRATION

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