

Got Food Scraps?



Vermont's Universal Recycling Law, was adopted in 2012 to reduce the amount of waste filling up the state's remaining landfill. **Beginning July 1 2020**, Vermont residents join businesses, institutions, schools, & special events in the requirement to divert food waste from trash disposal. When food scraps end up in the landfill, methane gas is released, contributing to climate change.

- Diverting uneaten food to food pantries, animal feed, and/or to composting, helps conserve our landfill space, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and keeps these resources local to redistribute to our neighbors, provide feed for backyard chickens or farm livestock, or recycle into a rich soil amendment.

Vernon residents have convenient options for diverting food scraps from the trash:

- ✓ Be a smart shopper! Plan ahead, eat what you buy (and save money!), rotate food in the refrigerator to be eaten before it spoils, & foster a love for leftovers!
- ✓ Feed leftovers to backyard chickens or give to a local farmer for livestock feed.
- ✓ Drop-off food scraps at the dumpsters located at the Vernon Town Highway Garage.
- ✓ Drop-off food scraps at the Windham Solid Waste Management District's (WSWMD) Transfer Station dumpster (327 Old Ferry Rd., Brattleboro).
 - ***See the reverse side of this flyer for a list of acceptable food scraps at both the Vernon & WSWMD food scrap dumpsters.***
- ✓ Compost food scraps in a backyard composting bin. For information on how to compost food scraps to avoid attracting wildlife, visit www.windhamsolidwaste.org. Stay tuned for backyard composting workshops in Vernon or the WSWMD Backyard Composting Demo Site.

Vernon Recycles!



Most Vernon residents already know that recyclables are not supposed to be tossed in the trash. Curbside pickup is provided for trash and recycling in Vernon. At the WSWMD, books, electronics, paint/paint products, motor oil, scrap metal, and other items can be dropped off for recycling; charges may apply. Visit www.windhamsolidwaste.org or call 257-0272 for information; check the website for a handy "A to Z Guide" to proper disposal and recycling.

Recyclables Don't Belong in the Trash or in Your Pay as You Throw Bags!

PLEASE RECYCLE!: Cardboard; Boxboard (cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.); Paper (junk mail, office paper, envelopes, etc.); Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids (empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers); Aluminum & Steel Cans (foil & empty food & beverage cans); Glass Bottles & Jars (empty food & beverage bottles & jars).

Check Out Our New Reduced Prices for Small PAYT Bags!

Pay as you throw (PAYT) makes all of us responsible for paying for our own waste generation, just like other utilities. It serves to make people aware of the costs of disposal and fosters waste reduction and recycling. Through Vernon's dedication and support of PAYT, our town now diverts *more than 50%* of its waste through reuse, recycling, and composting. PAYT bags are available at: Town offices (Clerk's, Treasurer's, Library, & Recreation Department); Cold Brook Store; J Spec Automotive; and, the Guilford General Store.



What Goes in the VERNON & WSWMD Food Scrap Dumpsters?

ALL Food Scraps, including: Fruits/Vegetables; Bread/Rolls/Crackers; Rice/Pasta/Beans; Egg Shells; Cheese/Dairy Products; Meat/Bones; Tea Bags & Coffee Grounds/Filters

Other Organics, including: Paper Towels/Napkins/Tissues; Waxed/Parchment Paper; Paper Plates/Cups/Egg Cartons; Paper Frozen Food Containers; Milk/Juice Cartons (Gable Top, Remove plastic spout); Kitty Litter; BPI Certified Compostable Bags



Please do not put trash or plastic—bags, wrappers, utensils, styrofoam™, aseptic cartons—in the food scrap dumpsters

For more information on using the Vernon or WSWMD food scrap dumpsters; purchasing backyard compost bins and kitchen caddies; or, options for composting yard trimmings, livestock bedding/manure, call 257-0272 or visit www.windhamsolidwaste.org. Food scraps collected in Vernon are made into compost. To purchase our Brattlegrow compost, contact WSWMD.

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