

Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority

FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM

Bridgewater, CT



Inspiration



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Why Bridgewater?

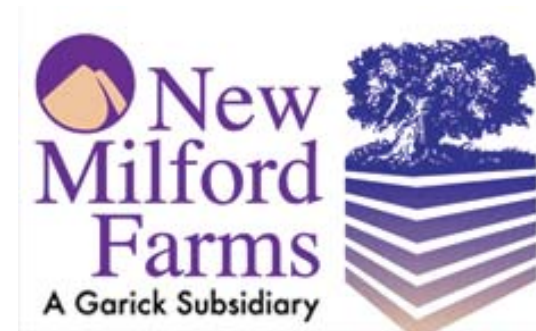


- Population
- Location
- Hauler
- Hometown

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The Program



Acceptable Food Scraps for Curbside Pick-up:

- Meat, Poultry (bones also)
- Fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy Products
- Flower & Vegetable Garden Waste
- Houseplants & Flower Bouquets
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- Vegetables **Remove bands and ties**
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
- Sauces, Soup & Gravy
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Tea Bags
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Egg Shells
- Plate Scrapings

- **6 month residential organics (food scrap) curb-side pilot program**
- **AAW - Curbside bin**
- **Supply residents with:**
 - Kitchen collection bin
 - 6 months of bags
 - Information & magnet

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Data



- Bridgewater Fair
- Survey Monkey
- HRRA Website
- Word of mouth
- Town Newsletter
- AAW Invoices

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Survey Says

- Do you recycle at home?
- **If you don't recycle at home, why not?**
- Do you compost organics (food waste) at home?
- **If you don't compost organics, why not? (Select all that apply.)**
- **Would you be interested in a once a week organics (food waste) curbside pick-up program?**
- **Would you be willing to purchase an organics compost collection bin for \$25-\$45?**
- **Would you be willing to pay for the pick-up service?**
- Who is your trash hauler?
- **Do you use a cart on wheels for your trash and/or recycling?**
- **How much do you pay for trash pick-up now?**
- How do you pay for your waste disposal now?
- **Would you be interested in saving money and reducing trash, i.e. paying for the volume of trash you throw away rather than a set fee?**
- **Would you be interested in participating in a pilot program for 6-12 months for organics (food waste) curbside pick-up starting in July 2014?**

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Getting the word out

BRIDGEWATER NEW ORGANIC (FOOD WASTE) Curbside Pick-up

The Town of Bridgewater, in collaboration with the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority and All American Waste, is conducting a pilot program to reduce organic waste in the town's landfill. Bridgewater has been chosen to participate in this program. Residents will receive a local processing bin and a curbside bin, if they do not have one. The food waste will be taken to a local processing facility. Bridgewater will be the ONLY town in the state participating in this program. More food reaches landfills and incineration. The food waste will be taken to a local processing facility. Bridgewater will be the ONLY town in the state participating in this program. More food reaches landfills and incineration.

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HOW IT WORKS

Your food scraps go into a small 32 gallon wheeled cart. The size will allow ease of storage. The wheels will make it easy to move to curb side. The top of the cart is designed to prevent animals from getting in and to prevent odors.

What you will receive when participating:

- Small 32 gallon wheeled cart.
- The size will allow ease of storage. The wheels will make it easy to move to curb side. The top of the cart is designed to prevent animals from getting in and to prevent odors.
- Small one gallon kitchen counter collection bin.
- A six month supply of compostable bags.
- Information and resources for daily use.

To sign-up for this pilot program, click on the link:

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KICK-OFF Meeting Tuesday - March 11th

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Composting is a topic of growing interest throughout the country. Why composting? There are a number of reasons. Composting provides a partial solution to an issue of great concern in many communities. All around the country, landfills are filling up, and garbage incineration is becoming increasingly unpopular, and other waste disposal options are becoming ever harder to find. Composting provides a way not only of reducing the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of, but also of converting it into a product that is useful for gardening, landscaping, or house plants. By addressing the solid waste issue, composting provides a way of instilling in all of us a sense of environmental stewardship. Many educational programs focus on reducing, reusing, and recycling our solid wastes. Composting fits in with this idea but takes it a step beyond.

With composting, we can do more than just sending cans or newspapers off for recycling -- we can see the entire cycle, from "lucky" food scraps or other organic wastes...to something that is pleasant to handle and is good for the soil. Contrary to the "out of sight, out of mind" philosophy, those who compost become aware of organic wastes as potential resources rather than just as something "gross" to be thrown away and forgotten. We learn through direct experience that they personally can make a difference and have a positive effect on the environment.

The pilot-program kick-off meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11th at 7pm at the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority. Residents will receive their information and an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting. There will also be a short presentation on what can be placed in the bin and what can be placed in the trash.

UPDATE: There has been a change in the size of the curbside bin. The new container has changed. More information will be discussed at the Kick-off meeting.

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Organic Waste is the biggest piece of the pie at 26.2%

Data from CT DEEP

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Next Steps

- Kick off meeting March 11th at Burnham School
- Program begins first week in April
- Future expansion to other towns

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Flower & Vegetable Garden Waste Household plants & Flower Bouquets



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Sauces, Soup & Gravy



Paper Towels & Napkins



Coffee Grounds, Filters & Tea bags





Plate Scrappings



Questions or Concerns:



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