



# Orangetown's Residential Food Scrap Recycling Program



**Orangetown Partnered with Rockland Green to Recycle Residents' Food Scraps**

# Why Separate your Food Scraps?



Food Scraps are the single largest component in the Municipal Solid Waste stream (MSW). Decomposition of Food Scraps in a landfill produces methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more damaging than CO<sub>2</sub>. Food Scraps are valuable materials that if properly collected and composted can help reduce pollution and improve overall quality of life. Orangetown's Food Scraps will be processed into beautiful nutrient rich compost instead of heading to the landfill that is over 320 miles from Rockland County.

# How to Food Scrap Recycle?



1. **COLLECT** your food scraps in a small bin stored on the countertop or under the sink.
2. **TRANSFER** the food scraps from the small bin into the large bin.
3. **DROP OFF** your bagged food scraps in the large bin at Orangetown's Food Scrap Drop-off Site. There will be no charge to drop off Food Scraps.



# What can be placed into the Composting Bags?



## Acceptable Items

- Fruits and Vegetables (remove stickers, bands, and ties)
- Meat and Poultry (bones ok)
- Fish and Shellfish (shells ok)
- Dairy Products
- Bread & Pasta
- Rice and Grains
- Eggshells
- Chips and Snacks
- Beans, Nuts & Seeds
- Leftover and Spoiled Food
- Coffee Grounds (paper filters ok)
- Tea Bags (no staples)
- Cut Flowers

## Non-Acceptable Items

- NO plastic bags, compostable/biodegradable bags, packaging, stickers, rubber bands or twist ties.
- NO pet waste, baby wipes, foil, paper plates or paper towels.
- NO plastic, glass, metal or kitchenware.

**If it's not on the list, IT IS NOT compostable in Rockland County!**



# What happens to the food scraps at the Co-Composting Facility?



# Future Plans

## Curbside Pickup

