

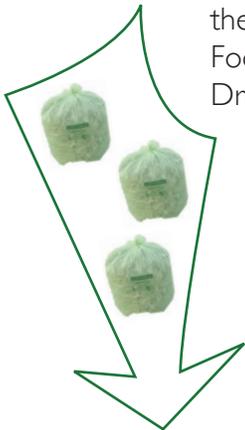
Collect food scraps in a compostable liner in a Kitchen Waste container.



Store bags of food scraps in a locking Transportation container.



Bring your full Transportation container to the Recycling Center and empty it into the bins at the Food Scrap Drop-off Site.



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# Food Scrap Recovery Program

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The Food Scrap Recovery Program removes heavy food waste out of the garbage collection and can also supplement home composting. When recovered and composted, food scraps are turned into a soil supplement used by farmers to grow new healthy crops without synthetic fertilizers. New Castle residents have already diverted more than 120,000 pounds of waste by participating in the town program.

Participation is easy. Purchase a kit from the town that includes a Kitchen Waste container, a locking Transportation container and rolls of compostable liners for each. Collect food scraps, **ALL OF THEM**, not just fruits and veggies, in the Kitchen Waste container. When it's full, put that liner in the Transportation container. When that's full, bring it to the Recycling Center on Joan Corwin Way (formerly Hunts Lane).

**Your kids are doing it in school. Let them show you how to do it at home too.**

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Wed - Sat 7:30am - 2:30pm

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**Here's how...**

## **Get a \$25 Starter Kit**

Pick one up at the New Castle Recycling Center, 210 Joan Corwin Way (formerly Hunts Lane). Or email us, [Composting@MyNewCastle.org](mailto:Composting@MyNewCastle.org), and an SAB volunteer will deliver one to you.

## **Each Starter Kit includes**

- Kitchen Waste container
- 25 small compostable liners
- Locking Transportation container
- 25 large compostable liners

**How does this help the environment?** – The program enables organic matter to be returned to the soil instead of being burned in an incinerator and adding to air pollution and/or decomposing as methane, the worst greenhouse gas. Farmers using compost need less chemical fertilizers.

**Where do the food scraps go?** – To a commercial composting facility in upstate NY.

**Doesn't the trucking offset the environmental benefits?** – Not by a long shot. The CO2 emitted is nothing compared to the savings of methane gas emissions.

**Where do I get a Starter Kit?** – Kits are available for \$25.00 at the New Castle Recycling Center. Or email [Composting@MyNewCastle.org](mailto:Composting@MyNewCastle.org), and a Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) volunteer will deliver a kit and also answer any questions.

**What happens when I use up the compostable liners that come with the kit?** – New rolls of bioplastic compostable liners are available at the Recycling Center. They cost \$2 for the kitchen container and \$5 for the transportation container.

**Where do I keep these containers?** – Many people keep the kitchen container under their counter. However, it's not bad looking and can live on top of the counter too. Keep the Transportation container in the garage.

**Do I have to use the town kits?** – No. Now that the pilot program has been completed, New Castle residents can drop off food scraps as long as they are in compostable liners. Food scraps must also be transported safely so the bag does not break and contaminate the collection area. The kits are recommended.

**Doesn't the food smell?** – If you leave it too long, yes. The kitchen container has holes in the top so air circulates. The transportation container has a solid locking lid. Most people bring their scraps in once a week with no problems.

**When can I bring it?** – The Recycling Center is officially open Wednesday – Saturday from 7:30am – 2:30pm but usually you can come on Monday or Tuesday as well. On those days there's a small chance the gate will be locked.

**I already compost in my yard. Why should I do this?** – The Food Scrap Recovery Program supplements home composting by accepting items (like meat, fish, cheese, etc.) that can't be composted outside as they will attract unwanted pests. The Food Scrap Recovery Program can safely handle ALL food scraps.

**More Questions?** Please email [Composting@MyNewCastle.org](mailto:Composting@MyNewCastle.org) or call the New Castle Recycling Center at 914-238-8091.