

Make Compost, Not Trash.

Curbside Composting



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Part 1:

Service Overview



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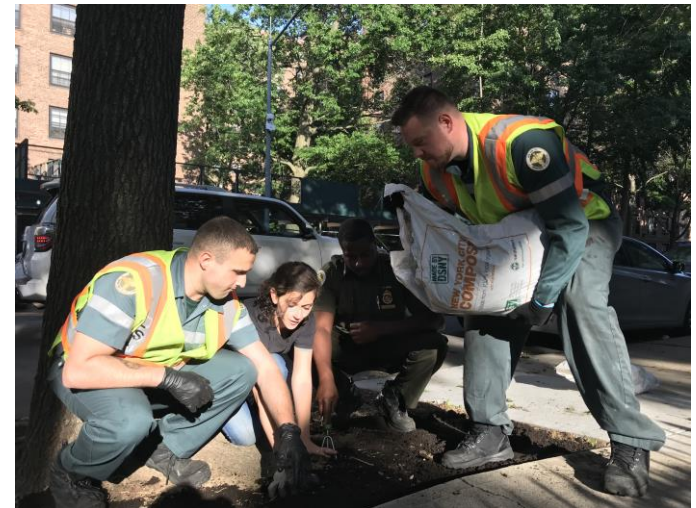
Getting Service

Queens

- Curbside Composting begins October 2022 for **all residential buildings in Queens!**
- Includes single family homes, small apartment buildings, and multi-unit residential buildings.

Brooklyn 1, 2, 6, & 7, Manhattan 6 & 7, Bronx 8

- Must sign up to participate
- 10+ unit buildings need authorized rep to sign on
- Residents can sign up to be a **Building Compost Volunteer**.
 - Go to MakeCompost.nyc/bcv for details
- Sign up at nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting or by calling 311.



When Will Service Start?

Buildings in Queens started in October.

Buildings in sign-up areas are added for service on a **monthly basis**.

- **We will notify you** if you have been placed on a collection route and when service will start.
- If your building is missing information or building management approval, **you will be placed on a waitlist until we get the information or approval needed to proceed.**



Service Details

You can find your collection day at nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting

Just like your trash and recycling, **DSNY will collect this material** on a set schedule each week.

Participants must use **bins with a secure lid** for food waste

*Queens will have a 3-month service pause from late December through March 2023 for snow operations.



Can I compost before my building has service?

Until Curbside Composting begins in your building, we encourage residents to bring food scraps to a drop-off location, or compost at home.

To find a map of all Food Scrap Drop-off Sites, go to nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps.

Before going to a site, check the map to:

- Confirm its hours of operation
- See what items are accepted there

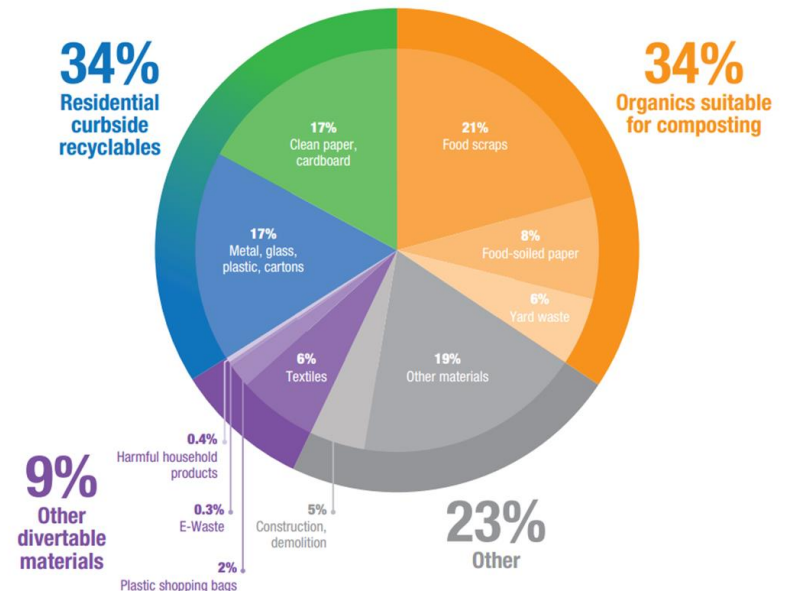


The Facts

Food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard waste comprise **one third** of all the trash New Yorkers throw away.

Food waste in black garbage bags is also **easily accessible** to rodents and other pests.

When food is discarded as trash, it is sent to landfills, where it produces **methane**, a harmful greenhouse gas.



Why Compost?

Composting food scraps helps to:

- **Keep your neighborhood clean and healthy**
 - Reduce rodents and pests
 - Reduce street litter
- **Make NYC more self-sufficient and more resilient**
 - Reduce waste to landfills
 - Create compost
 - Create clean energy



Food waste

1. Brown Bin (DSNY provided):

Queens: For a limited time, DSNY will provide free, rodent-proof brown bins with a latching lid to households that receive Curbside Composting.

Request one online. All 10+ unit builds will receive a starter bin!

Sign-up areas: Request bins with sign up form



1. Any rigid bin (Max 55 gallons) with a secure lid marked with a “Composting Bin” decal:

You can use your own composting bin to participate in Curbside Composting.



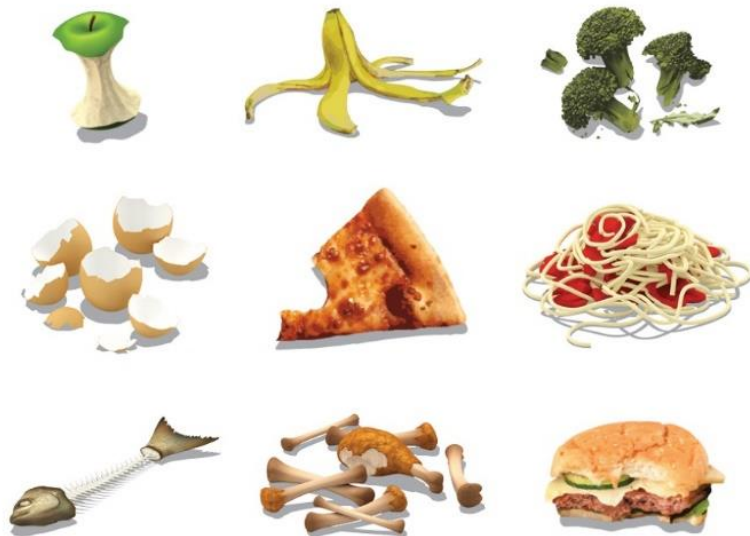
Yard Waste

- **Leaf and yard waste:** Separate from your trash and place at the curb in:
 - Paper Lawn & Leaf bag.
 - DSNY compost bin (brown bin).
 - Your own bin
 - Bundles (for branches).



What Goes In the Brown Bin?

Food Scraps



Food-soiled Paper



Leaf + Yard Waste



How to Participate



- 1** Separate out your food scraps and yard waste from your regular garbage.
- 2** Empty food scraps and yard waste into your bin.
- 3** Set your bin out the night before your scheduled collection day along with any leaf and yard waste.

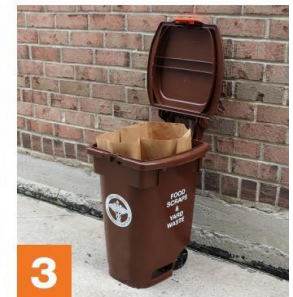
Set Up Your Bin

- Notify residents
- Pick an accessible, familiar space to set up your bins
- Common locations include:
 - Existing indoor or outdoor recycling areas
 - Inside trash room or next to trash chutes
 - Courtyard or other outdoor space
- Post informational signage by bins
- Write the building address on bins so they are not mistakenly taken by a neighbor
- Close the bin after use!



Brown bin liner options:

1. Clear plastic
2. Compostable
3. Paper



Bin Maintenance and Odor Reduction

You can keep your bin cleaner and reduce odors by:

- Lining bins with plastic liners
- Closing and locking bins after each use
- Draining liquids before putting waste in bins
- Adding newspaper, baking soda, leaves, or wood chips to bins to help absorb odors
- Having residents freeze material before adding it to bins
- Rinsing bins frequently



Common Misconceptions

Misconception	Fact
Composting attracts rats and other pests.	It doesn't! The bin helps to reduce rodent activity when used properly.
Composting is complicated.	It isn't! "If it grows, it goes."
You can't compost meat, bones, or dairy products.	You can! Your material is sent to an industrial-scale composting facility that can process it.
You can't put plastic bags in your brown bin.	You can! Our facilities have machinery that separates food waste from bags.
Most compost just gets thrown out.	It doesn't! Our trucks all look the same, but they collect different kinds of material.

DSNY Outreach

The Department of Sanitation can educate residents on composting and its benefits through events including:

- Presentations on the program
- Informational tabling events
- Kitchen Container distributions

To set this up, email us at MakeCompost@dsny.nyc.gov, or through on.nyc.gov/eventrequest



Any questions?



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Thank you!

For more information visit nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting

For slides visit makecompost.nyc/webinar

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