

Residential Food Scrap Program



Each year, Norwood residents throw away over 1,100 tons of food scraps into the trash costing taxpayers over \$200,000. That's each and every year! This money could be better spent on our schools, roadways and other beneficial programs. The bottom line is that we must stop throwing our food scraps into the trash cart!

The Public Works Department has a couple of options to help you make a difference.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING AT HOME

Residents have been composting their leaves for many years and creating a rich, organic compost for use around their yards. To make that compost even richer with more nutrients, please consider putting your food scraps into your composting area. We have 2 different types of compost bins available for sale at discounted prices courtesy of grants we receive from MassDEP. In addition, we have regular and decorative countertop food scrap containers for sale that makes food scrap collection simple. If you need biodegradable compost bags, we've got them as well. Come on down to Public Works, get your supplies and start making some awesome compost while saving the town money and helping the environment.

FOOD SCRAP DROP - OFF SITE

If you're on board with composting your food scraps but don't have the room at home, we've got you covered. Public Works has 2 Residential Food Scrap Drop-Off Sites that you can bring your food scraps to and dispose of in one of our compost tumblers. The locations are:

Public Works Yard

1 Lyman Place
Every day
7 am – 7 pm

Winter St Compost Facility

370 Winter Street
Saturdays
8 am – 1:30 pm
(Residential Sticker Required)

At both locations, you'll see the below sign detailing how you can help us be successful

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF SITE

- Residential Food Scraps Only
- No Plastic Bags!
- Certified Biodegradable and paper bags accepted

<u>Acceptable Items</u>	<u>Unacceptable Items</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruits and Vegetables• Eggshells and Nutshells• Coffee Grounds and Filters• Teabags and Tea Leaves• Bread, Pasta and Grains• Greasy Pizza Box – cut up• Paper Egg Cartons – cut up• Shredded Paper• Food Soiled Paper Towels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meat and Dairy• Plastic or Glass• Baby Wipes, Diapers, etc.• Milk or Juice Cartons• Pet Waste and Kitty Litter

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