

Princeton's Curbside Food Waste Program



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Wouldn't it be great if you could easily compost **all** your leftovers instead of just throwing them in the trash? Well, now you can.

Every fruit peel, bone, egg shell, pizza box, paper towel and napkin we throw in the trash ends up in the landfill. In fact, food waste and other organic matter make up more than half the typical household's weekly trash collection. Not everyone has the time or space to do backyard composting, and some waste food items just aren't suitable for a backyard compost pile.

Keep Food Waste Out Of Landfill: Sign Up Today

Started in June 2011 as a 3 month PILOT program for curbside organic collection; our program is now here to stay! Over 400 households have already joined and during the 3 month pilot period participants kept over 60 tons of waste from going to a landfill. No wonder the program has already won an award! And that 60 tons equals \$7,500 saved in municipal trash disposal costs! Now it's time to expand the program to several hundred more households.

What Does the Program Cost and How Do I Join?

The ANNUAL time period begins February 1st 2013 and continues through January 31st 2014. The fee to have your Green Organic Cart collected every WEDNESDAY for the year will be \$65.00. You will receive everything you need to start participating in the program; a 32 gallon wheeled and lidded cart, a kitchen collector and a supply of bags to line the kitchen collector.

Fill out the Registration form and mail it with your payment in the amount of \$65.00. Make checks payable to Princeton. Mail to: Department of Public Works; 1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540.

How Does Curbside Food Waste Collection Work?

Instead of landfilling food waste and other biodegradable/compostable material such as paper napkins and paper towels, you put it into the bright green cart that is provided by Central Jersey Waste. Every Wednesday you leave this container at the curb to be emptied. That's it!

Without all the food waste and other “organic” material, your ordinary trash cart will take longer to fill. Many participants in the program DO NOT put a trash container out for weekly collection.

What Items Can I Put In The Green Organic Cart?

A tremendous amount of material: not just food left-over's but also pizza boxes and other kinds of soiled paper products, and most yard waste. Scroll down to view the “Guide to Your Containers” so you can see just what goes in the green cart!

What Happens To The Organics Once It Has Been Collected?

It is turned into compost. Huge amounts of organic waste and a special cover are involved so the compost piles get very hot. This means that compost can be made using items that can't be easily composted in a back yard, such as bones, fish skins, pizza boxes, and yard waste, including sticks and branches. Organics become compost in just 80 days after you put them out for weekly collection.

Join the Organic Program: Be Cart Smart!

