

COMPOST COMES TO SACO!

Saco has a goal to recycle 30% of its waste by 2021 through composting, reuse, recycling, and purposeful purchasing. Diverting food waste from the municipal solid waste stream is one of the most effective ways to achieve this goal. On average, up to a third of household waste consists of food scraps. Rather than going down the disposal or being sent to a landfill, this food waste can be converted to compost. In December, the City partnered with Garbage to Garden out of Portland Maine to offer a compost drop off, located at the Parks & Rec building on Franklin St.

With positive results from this pilot program, the City hopes to one day offer a curbside opt-in program through Garbage to Garden or Eco-Maine.



What goes in the bin?

As a general rule of thumb, if it grows it goes! It is okay to line these bins with plastic bags or use smaller clear plastic bags, such as produce bags, to contain the food scraps. You can also use paper bags, newspaper, paper towels or any bio-degradable plastic bag you can find at places

1 household composting for 3 years...



...of food waste diverted from landfills!

such as Home Depot or Lowes. For a complete list of what is accepted, check the Garbage to Garden Website at

<https://www.garbagetogarden.org>

How it Works

The City is offering 5-gallon buckets for \$5.00 to collect your scraps, however any receptacle will do. Collect your food scraps at home every week

(can also include napkins, pet hair, wine corks and toothpicks). When you're ready, drop off at 75 Franklin St and Repeat! Since the start of our program, the City has collected a total of 845 gallons of food waste, which equals over 7000 lbs. of food waste. An incredible achievement in just 3 months!

The City is confident this program will lead to a cost savings to our citizens and lead us to a more sustainable community.