



WHY is this important?

- The purity of a recycled stream (all paper, or all metal/plastic/glass) is essential to the processing (recycling) of the products down the line. For example, the presence of styrofoam in a metal/plastic/glass stream can cause the entire stream to be rejected and sent to trash – i.e., a landfill or an incinerator. Westchester County incinerates all non-recycled trash at the plant in Peekskill. The American Lung Association rated Westchester County's air quality an "F" in its annual ratings released April 2017 and 2016. Burning trash is a contributing factor.
- We have added a COMPOSTABLES bin. Municipal support for food scrap recycling is spreading throughout Westchester; by following the guidelines on our COMPOSTABLES bin, CUUC will be ready when it comes to White Plains. Composting is nature's recycling stream. As with the other recycled streams, it has to be pure in order to be successfully transformed from food trash to a rich soil additive for gardeners. It is estimated that 40%–50% of our solid waste can be composted.
- You can help by calling or writing to your town to let them know that you support a robust food scrap recycling program.