



Food Waste and Composting

FAST FACTS:



- Don't litter food waste, it's the law! (Hoboken Code §110)
- Up to 66% of all waste going into landfills is organic material and 25-30% of that is food waste!
- Starting in 2015, the City of Hoboken partnered with Community Compost Company to offer one of New Jersey's first residential composting programs. It takes collected food scraps to farms where they are recycled into compost, which is used to enrich the soil.
- In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, composting could save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. Garbage from Hoboken is transported to a landfill and tipping fees alone cost \$100 per ton of waste. It would only cost the City approximately \$40 per ton to dispose of food waste at a composting facility.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:



KEEP HOBOKEN CLEAN! We can work together to divert waste from the landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and save tax dollars by lowering tipping fees and garbage collection.

If you are a RESIDENT or PROPERTY OWNER:

1. **Compost at home.** Open composting is prohibited in Hoboken. Containers designed for the specific purpose of composting are permitted, provided they are of a closed type with an airtight lid and catch basin for collection of compost tea. Composting containers must be access-resistant to insects and rodents, be maintained in good working, and be kept in a clean and sanitary way (Hoboken Code §136-2). Home improvement stores sell composters of all shapes and sizes and will provide advice regarding the type of composter that is most suitable for you and the size of your garden or yard. HCLIA often sells discounted composters, www.hcia.org.
2. **Sign up for residential pickup with Community Compost Company.** Residents can participate in this pick-up service of separated food scraps and other organic materials for \$19-\$29/month. Weekly and biweekly options available. Participants receive clean containers each pick-up and finished compost twice a year.

If you are a BUSINESS OWNER:

1. **Sign up for commercial pickup.** Businesses can choose pick-up service of separated food scraps and other organic materials from Community Compost Company or other commercial haulers. Interested businesses can contact Community Compost Company at info@communitycompostco.com or 845-787-DIRT (3478) for more information.

WHAT CAN YOU COMPOST?

Examples of items that can and cannot be composted are below. This list is not all-inclusive, if you have a question about specific items, please call 845-787-DIRT (3478). For materials that cannot be composted, consult the links in the "learn more" section for other options.

YES! You CAN compost it:					NO! You can NOT compost it:	
• ALL FOOD	• Coffee Grounds	• Fruits	• Oils*	• Seafood	• Aluminum Foil	• Plastic
• Beans	• Dairy**	• Grease**	• Paper Towels	• Tea Bags	• Chemicals	• Plastic Wrap
• Bones**	• Dryer/vacuum cleaner lint*	• Grains	• Pasta	• Uncoated Paper	• Compostable Plastics*	• Produce Stickers
• Bread	• Eggshells	• Meat**	• Poultry	• Vegetables	• Frozen Food Boxes	• Staples In Tea Bags
• Corks*	• Fireplace ashes*	• Napkins	• Rice	• Yard trimmings, grass clippings*	• Liquids	• Styrofoam
• Cardboard	• Food-Soiled Paper	• Nut shells	• Sawdust*	• Leaves	• Metal	• Waxed Cardboard
			• Shredded paper			

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LEARN MORE:

Community Compost Company <https://www.communitycompostco.com/>

Composting in New Jersey <http://www.recyclingnj.com/recycle/garden/composting.html>