

Feed the Earth!

Not landfills and incinerators



East Haddam residents now have the opportunity to participate in a food scrap drop off program at the Transfer Station. The Town's partner, Blue Earth Compost, will collect the scraps and turn them into compost and renewable energy.

Every ton of food composted also means less money paid in tip fees for trash. Starter kits are available for \$20 at the Town Office Building in the Town Clerk's Office and the Transfer Station. They include:

- A 2-gallon countertop bin
- A 6-gallon transport bin
- A roll of 25 compostable bags

Starts May 16, 2022

What Can I compost?

Meat & bones

Fish & shells

Dairy & eggs

Fruit & veggie scraps

Coffee & tea

Pasta, bread, & cereal

Incidental oils & fats

What I can't

Plastic Bags

Metal, glass, & styrofoam

Corks, gum, & candles

Rubber bands & cleaning products

For more info: EastHaddam.org or email: Sustainability.Team@EastHaddam.org

East Haddam Food Scrap Recycling Guide



A free food scrap recycling program for residents with a Transfer Station pass



Brought to you by the Town of East Haddam and Blue Earth Compost

Starting May 16, 2022



COMPOST

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|  <p>MEAT & BONES</p> |  <p>SHELLFISH & FISH PRODUCTS</p> |
|  <p>EGG SHELLS & DAIRY</p> |  <p>FRUITS & VEGETABLE SCRAPS</p> |
|  <p>BREADS & CEREALS</p> |  <p>COFFEE GROUNDS, FILTERS, & TEA BAGS</p> |

OTHER THINGS TO COMPOST:

CONDIMENTS & SPICES | PITS & PEELS
 FOOD SOILED PAPER | UNCOATED PAPER PLATES
 PAPER TOWELS | PLANTS & HERBS | INCIDENTAL OILS & FATS

DON'T COMPOST

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|  <p>CORKS</p> |  <p>PLASTIC</p> |  <p>CANDLES</p> |
|  <p>METAL / ALUMINUM FOIL</p> |  <p>STYROFOAM</p> | |
|  <p>GLASS OF ANY KIND</p> |  <p>GUM</p> | |

OTHER THINGS TO NOT COMPOST:

TWIST TIES | RUBBER BANDS | DISPOSABLE MOPS / CLEANING SHEETS
 FIREPLACE OR BARBECUE ASHES | HOT LIQUIDS | PLASTIC GLOVES
 ENGLISH MUFFIN CARTONS | WAXY CARBOARD | MILK CARTONS
 CLEAN PIZZA BOXES (RECYCLE) | COFFEE PODS | PET WASTE



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Why is East Haddam removing food scraps from municipal waste?

Food scraps make up about 25% of trash. When this brochure was printed, East Haddam was paying \$180/ton for municipal waste to be hauled up to the CCONN Trash to Energy plant in Preston. Burning food scraps makes the incinerator less efficient, due to the high water content.

Food Scraps are NOT Trash. Food can be converted into compost. Compost improves soil quality for plant growth, reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, helps to retain water in the soil and reduces soil erosion. Putting food scraps into a landfill creates methane, a greenhouse gas which contributes to global warming. The anaerobic digester in Southington is able to use the methane to create renewable energy while also making compost.

You can help! The more East Haddam people who participate in this program, the more pounds we will remove from the municipal waste stream. We are starting with only 4 bins, but hope to see this program grow with more and more bins being filled. **Transfer Station stickers are available at the Transfer Station with proof of residency.**

THANK YOU for participating in East Haddam's Food Scrap Recycling Program!

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IT'S SO EASY!

1. Collect your food scraps. If you are using the Starter Kit countertop bin, a compostable bag to line it is necessary. When full, close off the bag by tying a knot at the open end. Please don't use twist ties or rubber bands. Then place it in a larger container for storage until you are ready to go to the transfer station.
2. Bring your food scraps to the Transfer Station at 39 Nichols Road in Moodus and dump them into the larger bins supplied by Blue Earth Compost. They are located near the Electronics Shack. It's important to completely fill one bin before moving on to the next.
3. Repeat! You can go to the Transfer Station at any point during operating hours. They are:
 - ◆ Monday and Friday 7AM-5PM, Wednesday 6AM-6PM
Saturday 7AM-2PM

All food scraps will be picked up by Blue Earth Compost and composted at an anaerobic digestion facility in Southington, CT. They'll be turned into nutrient rich soil and renewable energy!

Starter Kits are available for \$20 at the Town Clerk's at the Municipal Office Building or at the Transfer Station. They include:

- 2 gallon countertop bin
- 6 gallon transport bin &
- 1 roll of 25 compostable bags for the counter top bin

You can use any bins that you like, but these are available. **PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS. ONLY COMPOSTABLE (NOT BIODEGRADABLE) BAGS ARE ALLOWED.** The Town Office Building and Transfer Station will have a supply of extra compostable bags for \$5/roll. Check and cash accepted.