

Town of University Park

GET COMPOSTING!



University Park's Compost Program is expanding! You can now compost a larger variety of food scraps and paper products.



PAPER PRODUCTS



Corrugated fruit and vegetable boxes

Paper ice cream containers



Paper towels, napkins

Paper plates (*only uncoated or compostable*)



Food-soiled newspaper

Pizza boxes



Paper bags (uncoated) with food scraps

Compostable tableware



FOOD SCRAPS



Fruits and vegetables

Bread, pasta, grains (*no raw dough*)



Eggs and eggshells

Coffee grounds and filters



Tea bags and loose tea

Meat (*including bones*)



Dairy - milk, butter cheese

Seafood (*including shellfish*)



Leftover and spoiled food

DO NOT COMPOST!

- × Plastic bags, wrappers or film
- × Plastic jugs
- × Aluminum or steel cans, utensils, pans
- × Plastic utensils
- × Facial or toilet tissue
- × Pet waste
- × Kitchen pots or pans
- × Ceramic or plastic dishes



DO NOT COMPOST!

- × Styrofoam
- × Plastic bottles
- × Aluminum foil, disposable pans
- × Grease or fats
- × Diapers
- × Household trash
- × Foil or plastic backed paper
- × Glass of any kind

For more information on types of acceptable packaging and utensils, visit <https://menv.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/service-86.pdf>

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WANTED: MORE COMPOSTERS!



In the Fall of 2011, University Park launched its organics compost pilot with 50 volunteers. Now, more than 270 homes participate, but the Town hopes to expand the program to an **additional 250 households** in the next year. The long-term goal is to have every household in town composting.

Not only does composting keep food waste out of the landfill, it saves money. It costs the Town almost 60% less to dispose of compost compared to regular trash.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Public Works provides everything you need: a collection bin for your kitchen, compostable bags, and an air-tight lidded bucket to keep odors in and critters out. Compost is collected on Mondays.

To sign up, contact Mickey Beall at mbeall@upmd.org or (301) 927-4262.

KNOW BEFORE

Americans generate around 14 million tons of food waste each year, or 106 pounds of food waste per person.



- 570,000 tons is composted for a 4.1% recovery rate;
- the rest, or 13.4 million tons, is incinerated or sent to a landfill.

YOU THROW

- Nearly 24% of the garbage at the landfill in Prince George's County is food waste that could have been composted.



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR FOOD SCRAPS?



Food waste is NOT garbage. It is a resource that can be turned into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.



It is taken to the County's composting facility in Upper Marlboro - the largest on the East coast!



Materials are placed in a large pile where they eventually break down.



This transforms into a rich soil amendment, marketed and sold in bulk as Leafgro Gold.

For more information on composting in Prince George's Co: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2856/Curbside-Organics-Collection-Composting

