

# Make Compost, Not Trash.

## Understanding the Ways to Compost in NYC

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# Why Compost?

Food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste comprise **one third** of all the trash New Yorkers throw away.

By composting food scraps, you help us to:

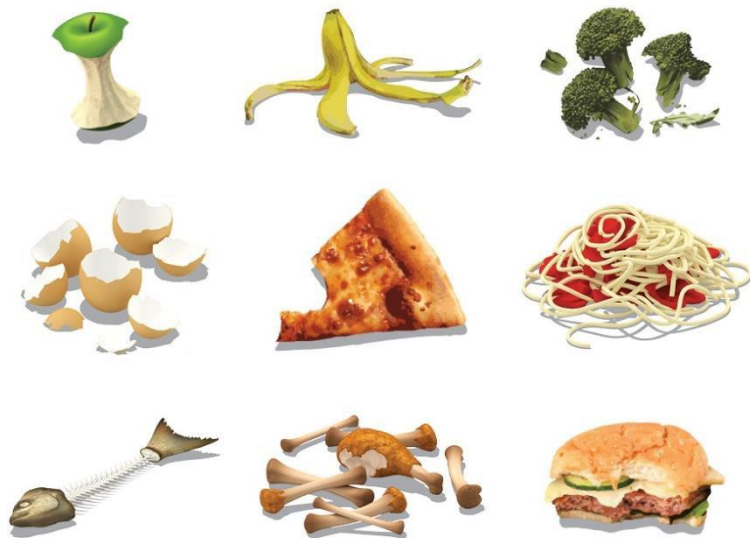
- **Keep your neighborhood clean and healthy**
  - Reduce rodents and pests
  - Reduce street litter
- **Make NYC more self-sufficient and more resilient**
  - Reduce waste to landfills
  - Create compost
  - Create clean energy



# What goes in the brown bin?

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## Food Scraps



## Food-soiled Paper



## Leaf + Yard Waste



# Curbside Composting

**DSNY was able to partially restart curbside composting service in October 2021**, nine months sooner than planned.

We are working to

- Bring back the service more efficiently
- Improve our understanding of participation in this voluntary program
- Improve communications with you, our customers.

To achieve this, residents are required to sign up for service.





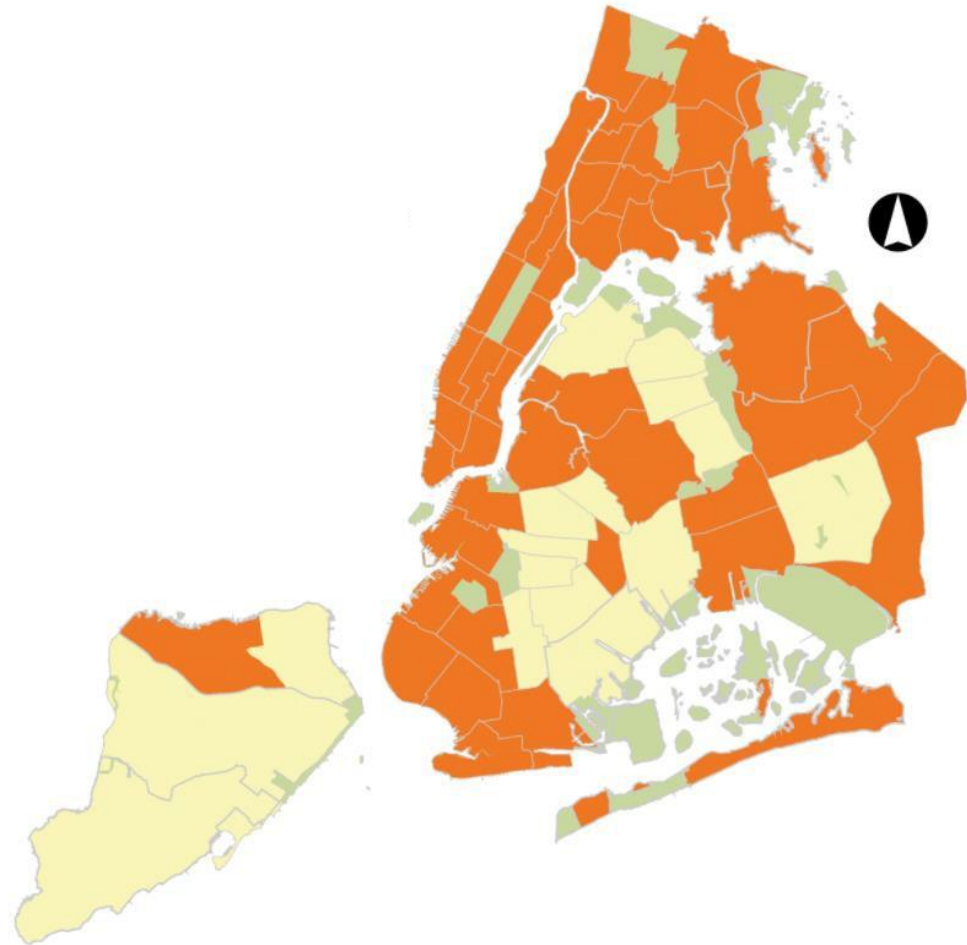
# Community Districts previously served are eligible again

The **44 Community Districts** that previously had access to curbside composting are eligible to get service if sufficient buildings sign up

- All of Manhattan and the Bronx
- Parts of Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island

We are working to **add more Food Scrap Drop-off Sites** in the Community Districts not yet eligible for curbside composting.

Also want to gather names of who *would* participate if (when) curbside gets to their neighborhood.



# Why do I have to sign up?

**We need to know you plan to participate.**

This allows us to ensure there will be enough material set out for our trucks to pickup.

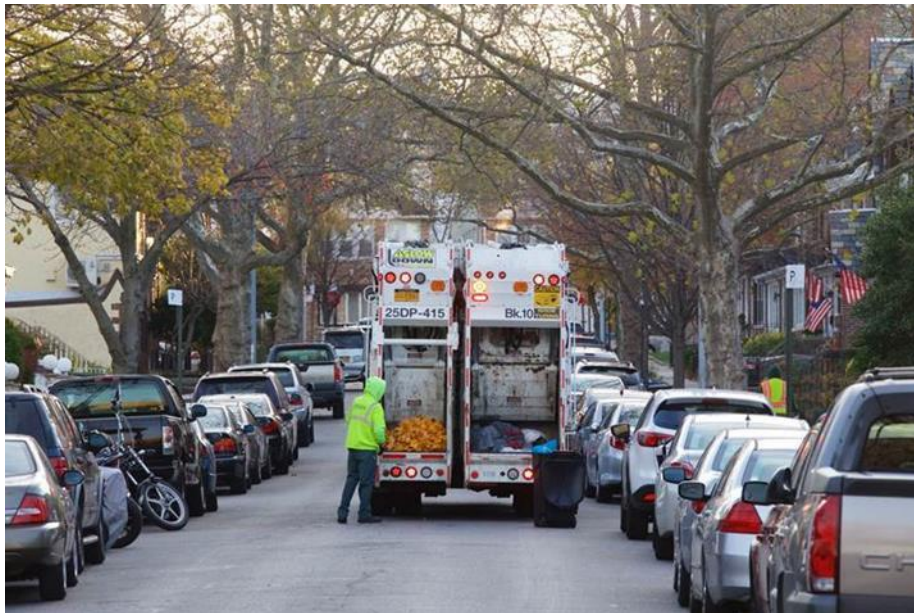
The more sign-ups in your district, the quicker service will start. It is our goal to expand service as quickly as possible.

**We will be conducting outreach** to recruit buildings and homes to sign up.



# How many sign-ups does my neighborhood need to get curbside composting service?

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**It varies by Community District** based on housing density and geography.

Each month DSNY will use its routing technology to create efficient routes based on sign ups.

Efficiency is determined by the length of the route, the number of households on the route, and the projected level of tonnage anticipated.

# Service Details

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After you sign up, our customer service team will keep you posted on when service will begin in your District and ensure you have everything you need when your service begins.

Participants must use the **brown, rodent-proof bins with a latching lid** provided by DSNY. We will replace the bin if necessary.

Just like with your trash and recycling, **DSNY will collect this material** on a set schedule each week.





# The Brown Bin

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If you still have your old bin – great! **We encourage you to continue using the same bin you received from us in the past.**

If you do need a new bin, buildings can receive up to 1 larger 21 gallon bin or 2 smaller 13 gallon bins per every 10 units. If you need more, **we will work with your building to find a solution.**



# Food Scrap Drop-off Sites

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Until curbside composting begins in your area/building, we encourage you to bring food scraps to a drop-off location.

Visit [nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](https://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps) for a map of Food Scrap Drop-off Sites.

DSNY currently has over 200 Food Scrap Drop-off sites on our map! This is more than we had pre-pandemic. Which is most convenient for you?



# Food Scrap Drop-off Sites

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## Drop-off Sites in Brooklyn CB 8:

- Imani Community Garden
  - 87-91 Schenectady Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213
  - Year-round site; Wednesdays 8:00AM - 10:00AM; Saturdays 11:00AM - 1:00PM
- Grand Army Plaza Greenmarket
  - Flatbush Ave & Eastern Pkwy, north of the arch
  - Year-round site; Saturdays 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 1100 Bergen Street Community Garden
  - 1107 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216
  - Year-round site; Sundays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Prospect Heights Food Scrap Drop-off
  - Park Place & Carlton Ave
  - Year-round site; Thursdays 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Walt L Shamel Community Garden
  - 1097 Dean St, Brooklyn, NY 11216
  - Seasonal site (reopening Spring 2022); Saturdays & Sundays 10 AM – 2 PM

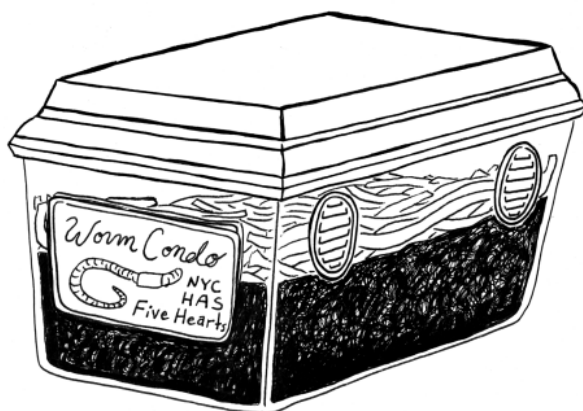
# At-home & Backyard Composting

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Tip sheets and Guides available at [makecompost.nyc/makecompost](https://makecompost.nyc/makecompost)

## INDOOR COMPOSTING

with a worm bin



**Don't have access to outdoor space?**  
You can compost food scraps indoors  
using a worm bin!

## OUTDOOR COMPOSTING GUIDE

How To Start Composting Outdoors  
in New York City



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