FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM
Bridgewater, CT
Why Bridgewater?

- Population
- Location
- Hauler
- Hometown
Networking

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Logos:
- All American Waste
- New Milford Farms
- HRRA
- ECOSAFE®

HRRRA  www.hrrra.org

ECOSAFE®  ZERO WASTE
The Program

Acceptable Food Scraps for Curbside Pick-up:

- Meat, Poultry (bones also)
- Fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy Products
- Flower & Vegetable Garden Waste
- Houseplants & Flower Bouquets
- Fruits & Nuts (including pits)
- Vegetables **Remove bands and ties**
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
- Sauces, Soup & Gravy
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Tea Bags
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Egg Shells
- Plate Scrapings

• 6 month residential organics (food scrap) curb-side pilot program
• AAW - Curbside bin
• Supply residents with:
  • Kitchen collection bin
  • 6 months of bags
  • Information & magnet
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Data

- Bridgewater Fair
- Survey Monkey
- HRRA Website
- Word of mouth
- Town Newsletter
- AAW Invoices
Survey Says

• Do you recycle at home?
• If you don’t recycle at home, why not?
• Do you compost organics (food waste) at home?
• If you don’t compost organics, why not?  (Select all that apply.)
• Would you be interested in a once a week organics (food waste) curbside pick-up program?
• Would you be willing to purchase an organics compost collection bin for $25-$45?
• Would you be willing to pay for the pick-up service?
• Who is your trash hauler?
• Do you use a cart on wheels for your trash and/or recycling?
• How much do you pay for trash pick-up now?
• How do you pay for your waste disposal now?
• Would you be interested in saving money and reducing trash, i.e. paying for the volume of trash you throw away rather than a set fee?
• Would you be interested in participating in a pilot program for 6-12 months for organics (food waste) curbside pick-up starting in July 2014?
Getting the word out

The pilot program is in collaboration with the Town of Bridgewater and the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA). Bridgewater has been chosen to implement a pilot program for residents who will receive a compost bin and a six-month supply of compostable bags. The goal is to reduce the amount of organic waste that goes to landfills and incinerators.

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**Organic (Food Scraps) Survey**
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- Dairy Products
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- Vegetables
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
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**How It Works**
- Residents must sign-up for the program and participate.
- Food waste will be taken to a local processing facility and be made into compost.
- Bridgewater will be the ONLY town in the state participating in this program and will be a leader in the state for waste reduction.

**Update:** There has been a change in the program. Residents are now required to sign-up for the program.

**Kick-off Meeting**
- Tuesday, March 11th at 7pm at Burnham School.

**What you will receive when participating:**
- Small 3-gallon wheeled cart.
- Small 3-gallon kitchen counter collection bin.
- Information and resources for daily use.

**It’s not too late to sign-up!**
- Go to www.hrra.org/foodscrapsurvey and click on the link.
- Residents will receive their FREE kitchen counter collection kit and information at the meeting. The meeting is designed to give residents an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the program.

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**Data from CT DEEP**

- Paper 26.2%
- Glass 2.3%
- Plastic 16.4%
- Other Waste 5.4%
- Electronics 2.3%
- Metals 4.7%

Organic Waste is the biggest piece of the pie at 26%.

This pie graph represents the composition of CT residents' trash. The food waste is shown at the top of the pie graph, followed by construction waste and paper. This data is collected by CT DEEP to help residents better understand what can and cannot be recycled.
Next Steps

- Kick off meeting March 11th at Burnham School
- Program begins first week in April
- Future expansion to other towns

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- Fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy Products & Egg Shells
- Fruit & Nuts (including pits)
- Vegetables
- Floral & Vegetable Garden Waste
- Household plants & Flower Bouquets
- Sauces, Soup & Gravy
- Coffee Grounds, Filters & Tea bags
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Plate Scrappings

Questions or Concerns:
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