



DANE COUNTY FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

Organics such as food scraps are one of the largest waste streams entering the Dane County landfill, at over one-third of all incoming materials. In order to divert local organic resources from the landfill, the Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables (W&R) is partnering with Purple Cow Organics to recycle these materials into compost.



THE FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING PROCESS



Food scraps are collected, hauled, and scaled at the County landfill.



Once transported to Purple Cow, food scraps are tipped onto a bed of carbon material.



The material is mixed and preconditioned in concrete bunkers.



The pile is then formed into windrows to complete composting.



Finished compost is screened, removing large particles, and mixed into a soil amendment for sale.

RESIDENTIAL FOOD SCRAPS DROP-OFF

Free to residents starting Summer 2025!

Help divert food scraps from the local landfill, and recycle it into quality compost at Purple Cow Organics. In partnership with area municipalities, W&R will collect from drop-off locations across the county. Visit our webpage to view program updates and sign up for our email newsletter.

Drop-off Locations

- Warner Park, Madison
- Henry Vilas Zoo, Madison
- City Hall area, Middleton
- Badge Prairie Needs Network, Verona
- McFarland Public Works
- Rodefild landfill, Madison

SCAN FOR PROGRAM WEBPAGE



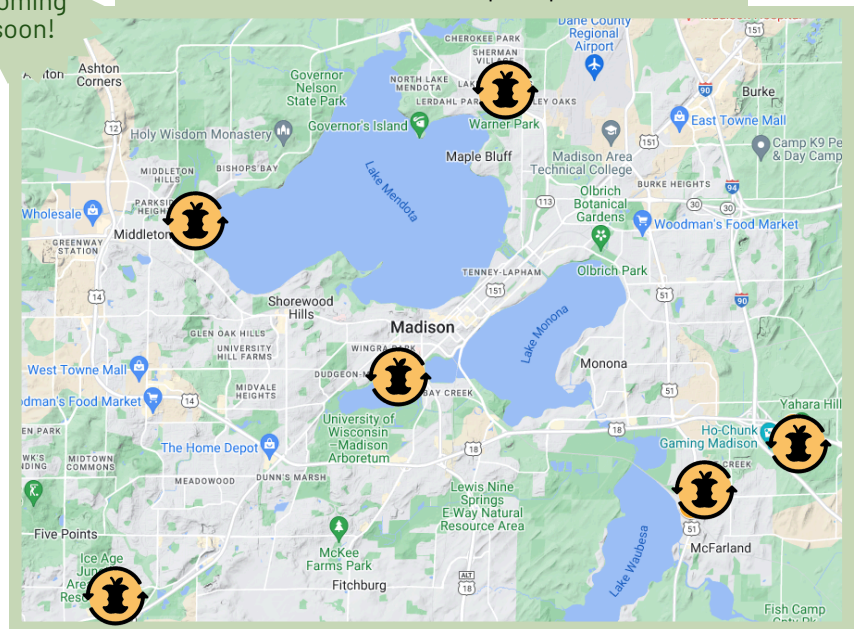
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FOOD SCRAP STOP

Residential Food Scrap Drop-Offs

Coming soon!





FOOD SCRAP STOP

ACCEPTED FOR RESIDENTIAL PICKUP



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Raw fruit and vegetable scraps (including cobs, rinds, pits, etc)



COFFEE & TEA

Coffee grounds and loose tea (no filters or bags)



EGGSHELLS



GRAINS

Grains, rice, cereals, breads, baked goods, and pastas

NOT ACCEPTED



NO MEATS

Meat/bones, seafood, or animal products



NO DAIRY OR EGGS

Non-liquid dairy and egg products



NO PREPARED FOODS/MEALS

Consisting of not accepted materials



NO STICKERS & TIES

Produce stickers, twist ties, rubber bands, staples



NO LIQUIDS

Liquids, sauces, fats, oil, and grease



NO PAPER

Paper and tissue products



NO BAGS & TAKEOUT

"Compostable" or "biodegradable" bags or food service materials



NO HAZARDS

Pet or human waste, hazardous materials including sharps, glass, metal, and chemicals

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Keep lid closed when not in use • Replace and close lock when finished • Do not bag food scraps

To report issues or for program questions contact: waste.renewables@danecounty.gov