

FOOD \$CRAP \$STOP

FROM KITCHEN TO COMPOST | *DE LA COCINA AL COMPOST*

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Upcoming Events

Fitchburg Food Scrap Stop Grand Opening

Join us at Swan Creek Park!
5175 E Cheryl Pkwy
Mon Oct 27th 3-5pm

- Visit the mobile Trash Lab exhibit
- Grab a free collection bucket
- Ask questions to program staff
- Receive program registration support
- Free food scrap drop off during event, available 24/7/365 after event



Squash Your Waste! Pumpkin Composting Drive

Henry Vilas Zoo Food Scrap Stop
SE parking lot- corner of Orchard St + Vilas Park Dr
Sat Nov 8th 10am-2pm

- Compost your leftover pumpkins
- **No painted pumpkins, lights, googly eyes**
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Scrap Stop Summer Synopsis

Since the Dane County Department of Waste + Renewables' Food Scrap Stop program launched this June, our community has collected over **43,000 lbs** of food scraps for composting, with over **1,900** households registered!

Wasted food is one of the largest waste streams entering the Dane County landfill. To support local landfill diversion efforts, encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to find their nearest Food Scrap Stop and sign up today to start composting.

To learn more about the Food Scrap Stop program, join us at one of our upcoming outreach events, or find out more on our compost program webpage.



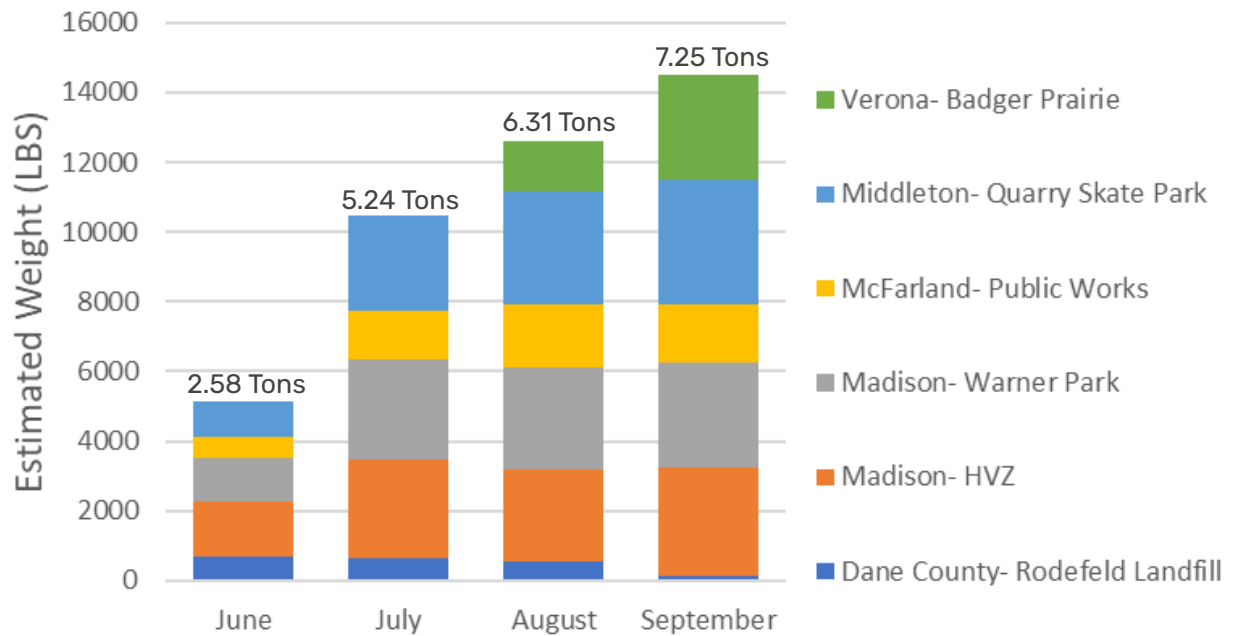
The Food Scrap Stops will be open 24/7 all winter and year long!



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Food Scrap Stop Collection Weight (Jun-Sept Monthly)



How Can I Bag My Scraps?

To keep your collection containers cleaner, consider bagging your food scraps bin, but keep in mind:

- Use paper bags that do not contain a plastic, wax, or foil lining
 - (Paper bags will be accepted in limited quantities for bagging food scraps)
- If you use a plastic or certified compostable bag, you **MUST REMOVE** the bag from the collection cart
 - **DO NOT LEAVE** litter or used/ full bags at the Scrap Stop, you must take these with you or dispose of them in the nearest trash bin
 - Certified compostable/ biodegradable bags are not accepted by residents at Scrap Stops
- See our household collection tips and bagging guidelines [online here](#) for more info

Can I Compost It?

Keep an eye out for **common contaminants**:

- Plastic/ certified compostable packaging and bags
- Produce stickers
- Twist ties and rubber bands
- Painted Halloween pumpkins, lights, googly eyes etc.
- See our [accepted items list](#) online for more info!

Looking For Help?

Call/Text: 608-206-6952 | **Email:** waste.renewables@danecounty.gov

- Have questions about what we accept?
- Need help with registration?
- Having trouble with a lock?
- Need help finding a drop-off?

