



DANE COUNTY ORGANICS 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.

COLLECTION SUPPLIES



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.

W&R's food scrap collection service will provide:

- 65-gal carts for pick up
- Locks and/or cords to restrict pest access and unapproved dumping
- Consult with customers to set best practices for in-kitchen collection vessels

Have or need extra 1-6-gal buckets? W&R staff will accept clean containers for program use and distribute for free as available.

COMMERCIAL FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTION

W&R collects food scraps from local organizations for composting, in coordination with haulers and Purple Cow Organics. W&R staff will provide food scrap collection education, work with partner businesses to establish best practices, and intervene in cases of contamination.

Pick up Options

W&R staff will offer hauling services throughout the 2025 season, with the intent work with customers' existing waste haulers to integrate services and payment as feasible.

Organizations with capacity and interest in dropping off their food scraps at the Purple Cow processing site may contact the program coordinator for hauling resource. Organizations that self-haul food scraps will still incur a materials handling fee (\$13.50 /0-500 lbs; \$54/ton) but will avoid all associated service fees, see next page for example rates.

Food Service Sustainability

Customers working with W&R for food scrap pick up services will be able to opt into select food service sustainability offerings. Offerings include a 3-month food waste audit, connection to food recovery and donation resources, and connection to broader waste reduction and networking opportunities.

Commercial Drop-Off Locations



Location & Hours

Dane County Sanitary Landfill: 7102 Maahic Wy, Madison, WI 53718 [M-F 6:30 AM - 3:15 PM | Sa 8:00 AM - 10:45 AM]

Purple Cow Organics: 3001 Meier Rd, Madison, WI 53718 [M-F 7:00 AM - 4:30 pm]



COLLECTION SERVICE ESTIMATES

See the below for generalized pricing information. Final invoiced cost will depend upon the regularity of pick up service and quantity of carts collected.

Service Estimate A		Service Estimate B		Service Estimate C	
# Trips/WK	# Carts/Trip	# Trips/WK	# Carts/Trip	# Trips/WK	# Carts/Trip
1	1	0.5 (split service x2 businesses)	1	.5 (every other week)	1
Service Charge (per trip)	\$55.00	Service Charge (per trip)	\$27.50	Service Charge (per trip)	\$27.50
Cart load pricing (per trip)*	\$13.50	Cart load pricing (per trip)*	\$13.50	Cart load pricing (per trip)*	\$13.50
Weekly Total	\$68.50	Weekly Total	\$41.00	Biweekly Total	\$41.00

*\$13.50 cart load pricing is reflective of the 0-500 lbs flat fee for **food scraps** only; **yard/ garden waste** carts between 0-500 lbs will be charged a \$10.00 flat fee.



W&R Organics Management Grant

Looking for additional funding to support food waste and landfill diversion initiatives?

See our website here announcements about our Organics Management mini-grant program.

landfill.danecounty.gov/resources/compost

Commercial Service Credits

Looking to cut down your service bill?

Customers interested in food scrap collections are eligible to split their pick up service charge with neighboring businesses that have on the same pick up schedule. Service discounts for businesses with multiple locations will be considered based upon the distance between pick up locations. Restrictions will apply based on distance and pick-up timing. Contact the program coordinator to learn more about our service credit opportunities.

Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables

FOOD SCRAP STOP



ACCEPTED FOR COMMERCIAL PICKUP



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Fruit and vegetable scraps (including cobs, rinds, pits, etc)



COFFEE & TEA

Coffee grounds, loose tea, and paper filters only



GRAINS

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



MEATS

Meat/bones, seafood, or animal products



DAIRY & EGGS

Non-liquid dairy and egg products, eggshells



PREPARED FOODS/MEALS

Consisting of accepted materials

NOT ACCEPTED



NO STICKERS OR TIES

Produce stickers, twist ties, rubber bands, staples



NO LIQUIDS

Liquids, sauces, fats, oil, and grease (bulk quantities not already combined as ingredients in prepared foods)



NO PAPER

Paper and tissue products



NO BAGS OR 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