

2017 Food Scrap Composting Pilot Program

The Village of Riverside and Flood Bros Disposal Co. have partnered with the goal of decreasing the amount of organic refuse sent to landfills. Together we are offering a food scrap composting pilot program to residents throughout the Village. Residents who enroll in this program will receive a wheeled cart for organics that is comparable in volume to three (3) bags or containers of yard waste collected. Subscribers to this program who use the organics cart will be allowed to mix food scraps and approved yard waste materials.

Who Can Participate: The program is available to all single-family residences. Organics carts will be delivered prior to the start of the program. The program will coincide with the yard waste seasonal collection program (April 1st – November 30th). Organics pick-ups will take place on the normal Thursday collection day. Return the signup form below to register for the program. Please be sure to include your email address for monthly program updates, educational seminars and event information.

How the Program Will Work: The program will be offered on a voluntary, subscription basis. The subscription cost will be \$17.00 per month during yard waste season, in addition to your



current monthly refuse service. Residents will be allowed to share the organics carts and costs with neighbors with approval from the Village and Flood Bros.

Collection Plan: Residents who participate in the project will receive a 95-gallon cart for weekly collection of organics, an under the sink collection bucket and a set of compostable approved bags for food scraps. Both yard waste and food scraps may be placed in the organics cart. How-

ever, food scraps must be contained in a bag labeled *compostable* that meets ASTM 6400 standards.

Compost: Questions and Answers

What is Composting? Composting is the process of organic waste decomposing into humus, a natural fertilizer. When the composting process is complete, the resulting material looks like rich soil.

What are the benefits of Composting?

- Materials will be diverted from landfills and Flood Brothers will make up to 20 yards of compost available to participating residents.
- Materials will create a valuable end product.
- Since yard waste and food scraps are high emitters of methane, a gas more potent than carbon dioxide, composting these materials reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Composting Facts

- Globally, 4 Billion Tons of food is wasted per year.
- 40% of food in the United States goes uneaten every year, estimated 35 million tons.
- 20 pounds of food waste per person per month is wasted.

COMPOSTABLES ONLY

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Food Scraps

Fruit and vegetable scraps
Meat, poultry and fish scraps
(including bones)
Cheese and dairy scraps
All solid food leftovers
Bread, pasta and grains
Eggshells and nutshells
Coffee grounds and filters
Tea bags

Food Soiled Paper

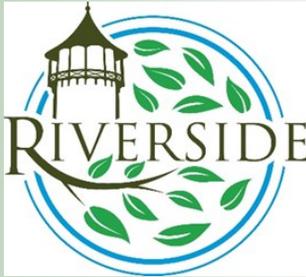
Paper towels and napkins
Paper food wrap
Greasy pizza boxes
Food-soiled cardboard
(remove plastic or aluminum)
Paper grocery bags containing food scraps
Uncoated paper plates and cups

Yard Waste

Leaves, grass and weeds
Plant trimmings
Branches
House plants / flower bouquets
(discard plastic container)

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Animal waste or pet litter
Ashes
Diapers, bath tissue
Construction debris
Foil
Glass
Garbage
Ice cream cartons
Liquids
Metals
Milk cartons
Plastics or plastic bags
Plastic coated paper plates or cups
Styrofoam
Rocks
Please note: Some of the items in the unacceptable column may be placed in your recycling bin for collection with your recyclables. Please review your recycling guidelines for additional information.



YES! I want to participate in the Compost Pilot Program. I understand an additional \$17.00 per month of the program will be added to my service. If you plan to share a cart with neighbors, please provide complete contact information for each participating household.

Homeowner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Homeowner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



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