

Composting in DC just got a lot easier

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visit [zerowaste.dc.gov/
foodwastedropoff](https://zerowaste.dc.gov/foodwastedropoff)

Why compost your food scraps?

- Prevent rodent activity
- Reduce odors in trash cans
- Turn spoiled food into new soil
- Stop sending food scraps to landfills & incinerators

Two ways to drop off your food waste for composting

24/7 Smart Bins



- 24-hour availability
- Located citywide
- Unlock by metroKEY app or easy keycode
- Accessible bins available 

Weekend Drop-Off Events



- Staffed events with team members present to answer any questions
- Every weekend year-round
- Accessible events 



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Accepted Materials



Fruit & veggie scraps, salad



Milk, cheese, eggs & dairy



Meat, seafood, bones & shells



Bread, grains, pasta & nuts



Cooked, spoiled & oily foods



Food-soiled paper & cut flowers



No plastic bags
Drop off your scraps in a BPI-certified compostable bag or a paper bag.



Not Accepted



Plastic bags, straws, containers, utensils, twist ties & produce stickers



Metal, plastic, glass, recyclables & foil



Diapers, pet waste & other trash



Yard waste
Call 3-1-1 or visit 311.dc.gov to schedule a free yard waste pickup

HOW TO USE A FOOD WASTE DROP-OFF

1. Find something to store your food scraps in



2. Learn what is and is not accepted



3. Collect your food scraps at home

4. Drop off your food scraps for composting

Visit a 24/7 food waste smart bin or a staffed weekend drop-off event.



Easy access to smart bins via the metroKEY mobile app



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Questions?

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