

FOOD WASTE DROP-OFF PROGRAM

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Interested in composting your food waste?

District residents can now drop off food waste for **FREE** at designated farmers markets. Food waste will be turned into compost, a nutrient rich soil additive that helps grow new food and plants. *Come visit us at the market and ask our compost experts for more information!*

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

1
Collect food scraps in a sealed container.

Optional: store scraps in freezer to prevent odors and pests.



2
Drop off your food scraps at your designated farmers market.



3
Rinse the container and repeat!



PARTICIPATING FARMERS MARKETS

Columbia Heights Farmers Market
14th and Kenyon St NW

April 21 - Dec 8 | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

14th and Kennedy Farmers Market
14th and Kennedy St NW

Apr 14 - Nov 17 | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

University of District of Columbia
Farmers Market (in front of the law school)
4340 Connecticut Ave NW

May 5 - Nov 24 | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

Brookland Farmers Market (Monroe St)
716 Monroe St NE

April 14 - Dec 8 | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

Dupont Circle Farmers Market
1500 20th Street, NW

Year Round | Sunday's 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ward 7 Farmers Market (Minnesota Ave)
3701 Hayes Street, NE

June 2 - Nov 17 | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

Glover Park Burleith Farmers Market
34th St and Wisconsin Ave

May 19 - Nov 17 | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

Ward 8 Farmers Market
3200 6th St SE

June 2 - Nov 17 | Saturday's 10 am - 2 pm

Eastern Market
635 North Carolina Ave SE

Year Round | Saturday's 9 am - 1 pm

*For the most up-to-date information on the market locations and times, please visit our website: dpw.dc.gov/foodwastedropoff



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"The Preferred Choice"





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Composting diverts food waste from landfills, leading to reduced greenhouse gas emissions. It helps create an enriched soil which can be used in your garden, suppresses plant diseases and pest. Composting also saves you money by reducing the need for chemical fertilizer

WHAT CAN I COMPOST?



ACCEPTED ITEMS



Fruit
Vegetables
Crushed Egg shells



Coffee Grounds
Tea Bags



Nutshells



Breads, Grains
Cereals, Rice
Pasta



Household Flowers



NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS



Meat, Bones
Grease, Lard, Oils



Dairy (Milk, Cheese,
Yogurt)



Plastic Bags, Wraps or
Film



Foam Polystyrene



Recyclables (Plastic,
Metal, Glass, Foil)

Remove all stickers and tags - If possible chop items into smaller pieces.
This will help speed up the decomposition process.

The District is committed to achieving zero waste through waste diversion and reduction.
For more information please visit: dpw.dc.gov/foodwastedropoff



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