

# Resident Food Scrap Drop-Off Program

## Resident Advisory Council

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**PROPOSAL:** To provide residents with an option to recycle their food scraps, instead of dumping them into the trash or down the disposal.

*Most residents prepare at least one meal daily in their apartments.  
Most residents are also concerned about the environment.*

**Eight groups, representing over 1000 residents, have endorsed this program.**

- All of the work will be done by resident volunteers.
- All of the supplies will be provided by residents.
- All of the training will be resident provided. Many residents have already been recruited.
- All of the literature will be developed by residents, with appropriate approval of administration.

**Both Prince George's County and Montgomery County are now collecting *residential* food scraps.**

**Minimal administrative support is needed:**

- Staff to deposit the collected contents of the "green bin" into the existing kitchen compost containers in each neighborhood weekly.
- Staff to determine a workable weekday, time period, and location in each neighborhood for residents to drop-off their food scraps.

**Resident volunteers are moving ahead to develop handouts and plans.**

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### Acceptable

**Fruit, Nuts, and Vegetables**  
**Leftover Food, Moldy Food**  
**Coffee Grounds, Paper Filters**  
**Tea, Paper Tea Bags**  
**Meat, Bones, Pet Food**  
**Bread, Pasta, Cereal, Grains**  
**Eggs, Egg Shells**  
**Dairy Products**  
**Seafood, Shellfish, Shells**  
**Houseplant Trimmings**  
**Paper Towels and Napkins**  
**Compostable Paper Plates**

### Unacceptable

**NO Plastics**  
**NO Metals**  
**NO Liquids**  
**NO Pet/Human Waste**  
**NO Tissues, Wipes**  
**NO Medicines**  
**NO Medical Waste**  
**NO Toxic Substances**  
**NO Inorganic Materials**  
**NO Recyclable Paper**  
**NO Trash**

#### Lead Monitor

One for each Neighborhood

Attend subcommittee meetings  
Provide monthly totals to subcommittee  
Organize volunteer monitors each week  
Store supplies between Drop-Offs  
Fill in for absent monitor if necessary  
Recruit new volunteers as needed

#### Drop-Off Monitor

One per hour of scheduled Drop-Off

##### Before Drop-Off

Pick up supplies from Lead Monitor  
Large compostable bag for bin liner  
Tally sheet (participant count, food scrap volume)  
Copies of Participant Info sheets  
Replacement compostable bags (first month only)  
Pick up green bin from storage location

##### During Drop-Off

Confirm participant has only acceptable content  
Keep a tally of total participants  
Answer residents questions  
Distribute Participant Info sheets  
Handout compostable bags (first month only)

##### After Drop-OFF

Estimate total volume collected (% of Green Bin)  
Calculate total participants  
Return green bin to storage location  
Return supplies and tally sheet to Lead Monitor

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