CITY OF ANSONIA TRASH REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

Starts December 5



ANSONIA HAS A SUSTAINABLE, COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO CONNECTICUT'S WASTE CRISIS... AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!



USE THE COLOR-CODED TRASH & FOOD SCRAP BAGS DELIVERED TO YOU.

Green Bags for Food Scraps. Orange Bags for Trash. Keep Recycling.

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Connecticut's trash is piling up, and we are quickly running out of residential landfill space. **Disposal costs are rising** as communities must ship waste out of state.

Ansonia has been awarded a grant from the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) to run a **9-month-long Trash Reduction Pilot Program.**

We have to do something to address the waste crisis and get ahead of rising costs, so I am asking all residents to participate in this FREE city-wide pilot program.

Your participation and feedback will help us decide if we want to make it permanent. Thank you for giving it a try.

MAYOR DAVID S. CASSETTI



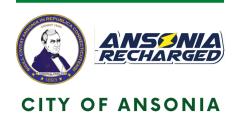
PUT BOTH BAGS IN YOUR TRASH CART ON YOUR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY.



YOUR FOOD SCRAPS WILL BE SEPARATED OUT AND TURNED INTO CLEAN ENERGY AT AN INDUSTRIAL COMPOSTER.

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HOW-TO: Trash Reduction Pilot Program



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Q: WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

A 9-month supply of free bags: **78 Orange Trash Bags** & **37 Green Food Scraps Bags!** As you reduce your trash, this should be enough bags. Local stores will sell them, too.



Q: WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN BAG?

Food Scraps: Fruits & vegetables, meat & seafood (including bones), eggs & eggshells, leftovers & spoiled food, coffee grounds & tea bags, pastas, bread, grains, & napkins. **Please do NOT include plastic, pet waste, sanitary items, or metal.**



Q: WHAT GOES IN THE ORANGE BAG?

Anything that doesn't go in the Green Food Scraps Bag and can't be recycled.



Q: WHERE DO I PUT MY FULL BAGS?

In the same trash can, on the same pick-up day. They will be sorted later.



Q: WHY CAN'T I USE MY NORMAL TRASH BAGS?

We are asking you to **use ONLY the special heavy-duty Orange Trash Bags.** Bags will be collected together, and the color-coding allows for **sorting**. We are also building the habit of using special city trash bags that help "measure" each household's trash.



Q: DO I STILL RECYCLE?

YES! Continue to put recyclables in the blue bin. Go to RecycleCT.com with questions.



Q: DO I NEED TO PUT ANOTHER GARBAGE CAN IN MY KITCHEN?

Do what works best for your household! You could get (or repurpose) a small container with a lid to hold the Green Food Scraps Bag, or you could keep the Green Bag loosely tied in your trash cart and empty food scraps into it throughout the week.

Q: IS THIS ACTUALLY GOING TO WORK?

- Turning all of our food waste into **clean energy** makes a huge difference. The program also introduces the idea of moving the cost to dispose of trash **OUT** of your taxes and **INTO** the bags. **The less trash you make, the less you would pay.** With these tools, you **can** reduce your trash and save money.
- You may be trying this for the first time, but cities all over the U.S. (and the world!) have **successfully** piloted similar trash reduction programs. **Ansonia will succeed with your participation!**