

# TOWN OF SEYMOUR: TRASH REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM

## Starts February 13



### A NOTE FROM THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN

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.

Seymour 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 you all to participate in this **FREE** pilot program.

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

**-FIRST SELECTWOMAN  
DRUGONIS**



**SEYMOUR 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.

**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:

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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, meats & seafood (including bones), eggs & eggshells, leftovers & spoiled food, coffee grounds & tea bags, pastas, bread, grains, & napkins.

**Please do NOT include plastic bags, pet waste or litter, sanitary items, or metal.**



#### Q: WHAT GOES IN THE **ORANGE BAG**?

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



#### Q: WHERE DO I PUT MY BAGS?

In the **same** trash can, on the **same** pick-up day. They will be sorted later. (It's OK if the Green Food Scraps Bag **isn't** completely full each week!)



#### 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 town trash bags that help "measure" each household's trash.



#### Q: DO I STILL RECYCLE?

**YES!** Continue to recycle your paper, plastic (no bags!), cans, and bottles. Go to [RecycleCT.com](http://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 during the week. **You can also request a countertop compost bin from the Town (contact info below).**

#### 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. **Seymour will succeed with your participation!**