

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



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



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

**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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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 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!**