

## How Does it work?



At home, place all your food scraps in the Green bags and all trash in the Orange bag. Recycle as normal.



At the Transfer Station, continue to place your trash (orange bags) in the same container.

There will be a separate container to collect the green bags. Please ensure the bags are tied for disposal. Please place only food scraps in the green bags and please place empty containers in the recycling. Green bags are then converted into clean energy, like electricity.

## Can I use white or black trash bags?

For trash disposal, we are asking you to **use ONLY the special heavy-duty Orange Trash Bags**. We are building the habit of using special town trash bags that help "meter" your household's trash.

## Thank you for your participation!

### For More Information:

[reducethetrashct.com](http://reducethetrashct.com)



## Acceptable Food Scraps please place in **GREEN** bags



Fruits and vegetables (no stickers)



Meat and poultry (bones OK)



Fish and shellfish (shells OK)



Dairy products



Egg shells



Bread and pasta



Rice and grains



Leftover and spoiled food



Chips and snacks



Nuts and seeds



Coffee grounds (paper filters OK)



Tea bags (no staples)



Please remove all packaging.

Please no trash, no glass, no plastic, no metal, no pet waste, no sanitary items, no clothing.

## PLEASE KEEP RECYCLING



Cardboard, including pizza boxes—clean and dry, Cereal & Other Paperboard Boxes, Paper Bags, Newspaper, Inserts, Office Paper, Junk Mail, Magazines & Catalogs, Juice & Milk Cartons



Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Tubs

Not accepted:  
No Polystyrene,  
No Black Plastic



Aluminum, Tin, & Steel Cans, Containers & Foil, Aerosol (food grade only)



Glass Jars & Bottles—all colors



**No Plastic Bags — Please return to the grocery store**

Dear Resident:

The Food Scraps to Energy Pilot Program provides your town an opportunity to set a best practice example for the region and the State of Connecticut. Your town received a grant from CT DEEP to implement a pilot program. The Food Scraps to Energy Pilot Program is free to residents. Transfer Station users will collect trash and food scraps in special color-coded trash bags provided by the Town. The pilot program will allow us to try the program before deciding if we want to make it permanent.

Food waste comprises over 20% of the waste stream and only about 4% is diverted from disposal. The Food Scraps to Energy Pilot Program allows residents to separate food scraps from trash, allowing the food scraps to be recovered and turned into renewable energy through anaerobic digestion.

Connecticut is facing a waste crisis and with the recent closure of the MIRA waste facility in Hartford, Connecticut, we have no more residential landfill space and communities like yours will be forced to ship waste out of state which is extremely expensive. Disposal costs are expected to increase dramatically.

By giving residents a convenient way to separate food waste to manage their trash differently, the program offers a proven way to decrease waste that needs disposal — saving money and valuable resources.



Easy as 1 — 2 — 3 !

1. Use the Orange bags for TRASH
2. Use the Green bags for FOOD SCRAPS
3. Bring both bags to the Transfer Station for disposal

Green bags are converted into clean energy!



### What if I need additional bags?

Residents are encouraged to recycle all they can to stay with in the allotted trash bags. If you need additional bags, please learn more at [reducethetrashct.com](http://reducethetrashct.com) or contact your Town.

### How do I recycle?

There are no changes to the recycling program. Please continue to recycle your bottles & cans, paper & cardboard.



<— Scan the QR code to download the Community Connect app to receive program reminders and details



## Food Scraps to Energy Pilot Program STARTS SOON!

Learn more at: [reducethetrashct.com](http://reducethetrashct.com)



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