

# Open a Public **Food Scrap Drop-Off Site** for Your Community!

All across the five boroughs, New Yorkers are helping their neighbors turn food scraps and yard waste into compost and clean energy. Want to get involved? You can start today by hosting a public food scrap drop-off site.

## How does it work?



**1** **Set up** a bin for collecting food scraps.



**2** **Collect** food scraps from the public.



**3** **Compost** the food scraps yourself OR **set your brown bin at the curb** for DSNY collection.

## Why host a food scrap drop-off site?

Instead of sending organic waste to landfills, help the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) turn food scraps and yard waste into compost and clean energy.

DSNY will provide tools to get you started and to maintain your drop-off site!

## How do I get started?

Contact [nycorganics@dny.nyc.gov](mailto:nycorganics@dny.nyc.gov) to let us know you're interested in hosting a public food scrap drop-off site. A DSNY representative will follow up shortly with next steps on how to register.

When you open a public food scrap drop-off site, you will be asked to:

- Post a publicly visible sign (provided by DSNY) that includes hours of operation and promotes the food scrap drop-off program.
- Maintain consistent, weekly open hours at least 6 consecutive months of the year.
- Notify DSNY at least 14 days in advance of any schedule changes.
- Designate primary and secondary site contacts who respond within 48 hours to all DSNY and NYC Compost Project inquiries.
- Collect the full range of organics accepted by DSNY if your site receives curbside organics collection service.

All public food scrap drop-off site locations are included on our online map at [on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](https://on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps).

## Already operating a food scrap drop-off site?

We want to help promote your leadership in making NYC more sustainable by adding you to our online map of food scrap drop-off sites at [on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](https://on.nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps).

Contact [nycorganics@dny.nyc.gov](mailto:nycorganics@dny.nyc.gov) and let us know!

