

5. Flyer for Permeant Location - Draft

- As a few essential factors are unknown for a future project, I have marked them with a placeholder (X). I adapted some existing information from the 2023 Pilot Project handout and used the same style.
- The first flyer is an online version and the second one is a print version. (There are minimal differences to the physical one, instead of there being a hyperlink to click on, there is a QR code and website.)
- **The third page of the flyer is NOT my original work**, it is a copy of the 2023 Pilot Project handout. Thank you.



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Who can participate in the drop-off program?

Anyone can participate in the drop-off program, sign up [here](#).

Where are the sites?

The locations are in **X** Township.....

*Facilities are open 24/7

What type of food scraps can I collect?

Vegetables, fruits, meat, fish, bones, dairy, grains, breads, pastas, etc. *A full list of items can be found on the back.

How do I collect them?

Collect food scraps in any type of container you already have at home: coffee cans, yogurt containers, zip-lock gallon bags, lidded buckets...etc. OR you can buy a specific compost container like the ones pictured here. Keep your container on the countertop or outside OR the best bet to eliminate smells and bugs is to keep your food scraps in your refrigerator or freezer. *Tip: If you are worried about odors or bugs, place a layer of newspaper over the contents each time you add new scraps.



How do I drop off the food scraps?

Be sure to take your container with you as you run your errands. Locate the closest drop-off site. Open the lock to the dumpster using your code, dump your food scraps into the dumpster, and be sure to lock up the dumpster again. Don't forget to turn the numbers before you leave. *Tip: At home wash out your container with water and a little white vinegar, that should take care of any smells.

What cannot be included with my food scraps? NO PLASTIC: be sure to leave out plastic of ANY kind (plastic: bags, utensils, plates, cups, etc.) EVEN if they say "BIODEGRADABLE" or "COMPOSTABLE." Also, leave out: produce stickers, twist ties, animal or human waste (including all diapers and sanitary products), ashes, and yard waste (sticks, branches, leaves, and grass). ONLY newspaper or brown compostable paper bags are allowed, and no other paper items. *A full list of items can be found on the back.

More information can be found under [www.X](#) OR (QR code) **X**



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Food Scraps to Include

- Fruit & Vegetable (includes rinds and pits)
- Dairy Products, eggs/shells
- Meat, fish, poultry & bones (cooked or uncooked)
- Coffee grounds & tea leaves, including coffee filters and tea bags (no staples)
- Dry goods (breads, pasta, nuts, rice & grains)
- All leftover or spoiled food or food scraps
- Indoor plant trimmings
- Garden trimmings
- Pizza boxes (remove any plastic pieces)

What to leave out

- PLASTIC BAGS (even if they say “compostable” or “biodegradable”)
- Plastic anything else
- “Compostable” plastic cutlery, cups, or plates
- Paper towels and paper napkins
- Paper or shredded paper
- Yard waste (brush, branches, stumps, leaves, grass)

Resources:

Kitchen Countertop collection bins:

These are available in area stores, everything from very simple plastic pails to ceramic jars with filters. But really, you can use anything.



Truly Compostable liners, bags, or pails:

DO NOT USE ANY PLASTIC BAGS, NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY ON THEM.

You can use a BROWN PAPER BAG to collect your food scraps and then drop that in the dumpster. If you want one designed to hold up to the moisture of food scraps, you could try these: Full Circle Scrap Sack or Bag to Earth Kitchen Food Waste Bag.



Then there’s an innovative, completely compostable pail:

<https://cleancomposting.com/>



But remember, you can always just line it with newspaper (no glossy inserts, however).

More to leave out

- Milk and juice cartons
- Juice or drink pouches
- Dryer sheets and lint
- Cleaning and baby wipes
- Diapers and sanitary products
- Cotton balls, Q-tips, etc.
- Fast-food wrappers
- Tissues
- Frozen, refrigerated, or take-out food boxes
- Cigarettes
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Stickers on produce
- Twist ties
- Styrofoam
- K-cups
- Anything made of metal, glass, ceramic, clay, plastic, or rubber
- Fabric or clothing
- Pet waste, litter, and bedding
- Animals or animal carcasses
- Lumber, wooden household or craft items
- Rocks, stones, or bricks