City of Manassas is Expanding the Curbside Food Waste

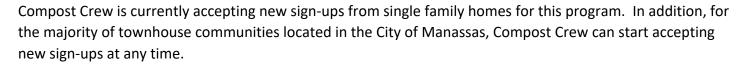
Composting Collection Program

The City of Manassas is expanding the residential food waste composting program to help reduce the amount of food waste sent to the landfill. Food waste can be recycled into compost, a natural soil enhancer, that helps to improve the health of the soil and can reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides. Collected food scraps will be taken nearby to the Balls Ford Road Compost

Facility and recycled into high-quality compost.



Residents who sign up to participate in the program, will receive a container to separate out food scraps. Bins are lined with compostable liners to help keep the container clean. Compost Crew will empty the bin and a new liner on your designated collection day.



The following communities, due to their size and/or location will require a minimum number of signups in order to start the program in their community

- Georgian Hamlet Townhouses needs a minimum of 5 households signing up for the truck to come to the neighborhood.
- The Landing at Cannon Branch needs a minimum of 10 households signing up for the truck to come to the neighborhood.
- Cannon Ridge & Point of Woods need a minimum of 5 households signing up for the truck to come to the neighborhood.

If you live in one of these communities and are interested in food waste composting please feel free to talk to your neighbors to help reach the minimum number of households required for participation.

If not enough residents are interested in the Curbside Food Waste Composting Program, please feel free to follow the same food waste composting guidelines (listed below) and use the public food waste drop off containers located in the enclosure at the commuter parking lot on Prince William Street – where the Saturday Farmers Market is held.



Here are the key details:

- weekly curbside collection of food waste, which is taken to the Balls Ford Road Composting facility to be turned into highquality compost
- residents pay \$10 per month, and the City subsidizes the rest of the cost. this is a significant discount from Compost Crew's standard rates
- Compost Crew provides residents who register with a 7-gallon bin, and residents separate out their food scraps and put them out once a week for collection
- the current collection day is Monday (that may change as the program grows)



What Can Be Composted?



ALL FOOD SCRAPS

Bones

Coffee Grounds
Cooked/Fried Food

Corn Husks

Dairy Egg Shells

Freezer-burned Foods Fruit Cores/Scraps

Grains/Bread

Meat

Nuts/Seeds

Pits

Processed Food Powdered Milk

Pizza

Rotten/Moldy Food

Seafood Shells Tea Leaves Vegetables

YARD MATERIALS

only IF it fits in your bin

Feathers/Flowers Garden Litter & Sweepings

Houseplant Trimmings

Leaves

Pine Needles

Roots

Sawdust

Wood Chips

Yard Debris

ORGANIC MATERIALS

Coffee Filters Hair Clippings Human or Animal Nail Clippings Paper Napkins Paper Towels Pencil Shavings

Toothpicks Wool

To sign up for this program or for more information please contact Compost Crew directly at (301) 202-4450.