

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.



The City of Manassas has been working with Compost Crew to launch the Curbside Food Waste Composting Program. Since early 2021 City of Manassas residents participating in this program have collected over 115,000 pounds (57.5 tons) of food scraps to over to be turned into 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.

Compost Crew is currently accepting new sign-ups from single family homes for this program. In addition, for the majority of townhouse communities located in the City of Manassas, Compost Crew can start accepting new sign-ups at any time.

The following communities, due to their size and/or location will require a minimum number of sign-ups 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.



What Can Be Composted?

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 high-quality 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)



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**.