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COLLECT food scraps in the countertop pail as described in the attached guide.

TRANSFER the food scraps to the City-approved 6-gallon curbside bin for storage. (See attached guide for the City-approved curbside bin). It is recommended that the bin be stored in the house or garage – not outside.

PLACE BIN CURBSIDE no later than 6:00 AM on Wednesday morning. “Curbside” placement is where you normally place your paper/commingled recycling bins.

CURBSIDE PICKUP will be weekly on Wednesdays.

Where to get pails, bins and compostable bags: Purchase of a Food Scrap Recycling Starter Kit is mandatory for participation in the FSR Pilot Program and can be purchased at the Department of Public Works office located at 141 Oakland Beach Avenue. See attached guide for pail, bin and compostable bag information and pricing.

Drop-off site: The food scrap drop-off site will remain open at Rye Department of Public Works, 141 Oakland Beach Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 7:30am – 3:30pm.

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Why Recycle Food Scraps?

Food scraps are one of the largest components of trash sent to landfills and incinerators. However, food scraps are not trash, they are a resource that can be turned into useful compost.

Recycling food scraps into compost captures their nutrients and energy and returns them to the environment. When food scraps are sent to a landfill or incinerator this resource is lost. In a landfill, food scraps create methane, which is a potent greenhouse gas that traps CO₂ and contributes to global warming. When sent to an incinerator, food scraps reduce the efficiency of the incinerator because they contain water and therefore don't burn well.

Composting food scraps turns that story around! Instead of wasting energy trying to burn food, or creating methane from landfilling it, composting food scraps produces a useful and valuable product that gives back to our nutrient life cycle resulting in cleaner soil, water and air.

What Is Compost?

Compost is a soil amendment which enriches our soil. When purchasing a bag of potting soil or observing your landscaper putting down "dirt" you are using compost.

Compost benefits our landscape by maximizing plant growth, preventing soil erosion and mitigating the frequency of water, fertilizer and pesticide use.

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