Municipal Food Scrap Recycling Dropoff Program

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City of Rye curbside and dropoff started in March 2019

Dropoff open to all residents. Curbside limited to 156 households

Program accepts ALL food, coffee grounds, tea bags, cut flowers, food soiled paper napkins, towels and tissues, wooden chopsticks, and popsicle sticks
• Dropoff site located at DPW
• Open 24/7 after trial period of limited hours
• Very low contamination
• Labor time and cost
• Tonnage
• 365 Households registered for dropoff program + 156 curbside registrations

• Originally paper registrations, now online registration through Rye Recycles app

• Master list with emails updated regularly
• DPW transports food scraps to local carter weekly

• Food scraps are combined with scraps from other municipalities and schools and hauled to Ulster Organics Recovery Facility

• Ulster uses the Extended Aerated Static Pile (EASP) method of composting
Bins are “Organics” Toters
- Thicker walls
- Latch on lid
- Sealed tip bar
- Bright green color
Rotation system used and recommended by Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council to contain odors.
Start Up Expenses:
- 10 Outdoor toters (96 gallons) $1250
- Sign and site development $300 - $500

Operating Expenses: (Annual)
- Weekly Hauling @ 1 ton/week $5000
- Compostable Liners for 10 Toters $250

Reimbursed Outlays (Purchased by City in Bulk and sold to residents at cost)
- 400 Starter Kits: countertop pail, caddy, user guide, rolls of compostable bags $10,000*

*includes extra compostable bags 3 gallon and 13 gallon sold for $2/$5 per roll of 25
Community Outreach and Education
How to Grow Your FSR Program:

- social media - Facebook, Instagram, city specific private groups
- farmer's market
- local paper
- sports games
- school fairs
- sidewalk sales
- dedicated webpage- ryesustainability.com/composting-initiative
- garden clubs/events
- newcomer's club
- library
- senior centers
- compost give-back days
- presentations to local groups/civic organizations
Scarsdale's Compost Giveback Day
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