

Advanced Disposal will now be accepting food scraps as a part of the yard waste program for Mill Creek. Acceptable items may be mixed in with traditional yard waste items such as grass, leaves and branches – in your organics/yard waste cart. There is no additional cost for this added service. Please carefully follow the guidelines and avoid contaminating the organics with any kind of packaging, plastic, or other non-compostable items.

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**MILL CREEK RESIDENTIAL
COMPOST PROGRAM
GUIDE TO YOUR ORGANICS
COLLECTION SERVICE**

Mill Creek residents can now mix your food scraps in with your yard waste as part of your community's curbside yard waste program!

WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED IN THIS PROGRAM?

- Fruits & Vegetables including unpainted holiday pumpkins
- Dairy & Eggs including egg shells – but no liquids!
- Breads, Grains, Pasta & Cereal
- Coffee Grounds & Filters, Teabags

WHAT CANNOT BE INCLUDED?

- No meat, poultry or seafood
- No bones or shells
- No fats, grease or oil
- No liquids
- No packaging
- No paper plates or other service ware
- No plastics, Styrofoam, glass, metal, diapers, or pet waste



HOW TO COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS:

Collecting food scraps in a reusable container in the kitchen is an easy way to collect compostable material for your cart. Coffee cans, plastic food storage containers or compost collectors can also be used.

1. Keep your container in a convenient location in your kitchen, such as on your **countertop, under the sink or in your freezer.**
2. Empty **foods scraps** into your large curbside cart either loose or in a brown Kraft bag (not to exceed 50 pounds).
3. **Set your cart curbside on regular collection day.** Make sure everything fits in the cart and keep the lid closed.

WHY COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS?

There are many reasons to recycle your food scraps, including:

1. **It's easy!** Collect food scraps in a kitchen container or lidded bucket, and then place it in your yard waste cart with all other organic materials before collection day.
2. **Reduces greenhouse gas emissions** from landfills caused by rotting food.
3. Creates compost. Food scraps are made into a **nutrient rich soil amendment that improves soil health and function.** Compost rebuilds healthy soils, protects top soil from erosion, conserves water because it retains water, and attracts earthworms and other helpful organisms – all of which aid in enhanced plant and vegetable growth!
4. **It just makes sense!** Why end the natural nutrient cycle and entomb this great resource in a landfill?



Food Scraps will be accepted in **Yard Waste Carts only.** If you already have a cart, participating is as easy as placing food scraps in your yard waste cart! If you would like to participate in the program and do not have a Yard Waste cart, please call us at **(630) 587-8282.** The cost of upgrading from the two-cart subscription to the three-cart subscription is less than the cost of one yard waste sticker per month! The program will run from **April 1 to November 30** each year. All of the size, weight and payment requirements will remain the same.

CART CARE AND HOW-TO TIPS:

Placing your food scraps into the yard waste cart isn't much different than placing them into the trash.

- Place food scraps directly into your cart, either loose or in a brown Kraft bag, layered with yard trimmings.
- Rinse your cart with a garden hose when necessary. Periodically rinse with soap and water. Sprinkle in baking soda as needed. Keep lid closed and store in a shaded area.
- You may want to use a kitchen container inside your home to collect scraps. Empty frequently into the outdoor cart, layering with yard trimmings. Rinse the pail after each use (with dish soap and/or vinegar). You can also freeze food scraps until collection day.
- **Tip: Be sure to pour the dirty water onto the lawn and not down a storm drain!**