

The Town of Bedford offers two options for recycling your food scraps into compost:



Community Compost:

This program is free to residents and allows you to drop off food scraps at the Recycling Center

(343 Railroad Ave., Bedford Hills) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00am to 3:00pm. More info at bedford2030.org/communitycompost



Curbside Pickup:

A local hauler will pick up food scraps at the end of your driveway every week. Learn

more about this option, including how you may be able to pay half price your first year, at bedford2030.org/curbside-compost

Acceptable for Compost Drop-off and Curbside Pickup:

Food Scraps and Leftovers



MEAT



CHICKEN, FISH



VEGETABLES



FRUITS



DAIRY



SHELLS



EGGSHELLS



NUTSHELLS



BREADS



GRAINS



BONES



PASTA

Food-Soiled Uncoated Paper



PAPER EGG CARTONS



COMPOSTABLE (UNCOATED) PAPER PLATES AND CUPS



TEA BAGS



PAPER NAPKINS



KITCHEN PAPER TOWELS



COFFEE GROUNDS AND FILTERS

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CLIMATE ACTION NOW

Compost at Home



Choose a composting approach. Either make free-form piles (4 feet tall and wide or larger) or buy a structured bin

(garden supply stores offer a variety of options including upright bins or tumblers).

Add browns and greens. Add carbon-rich materials (browns) and nitrogen-rich materials (greens). The optimal ratio of browns to greens is 30:1 for an active compost pile. The composting process will still happen, but just a bit less efficiently, with different ratios.

Keep the pile damp, but not soggy.

Mix your materials regularly to let the air circulate and distribute moisture. Compacted or soggy piles can produce unpleasant odors. If your compost begins to smell, mix in some browns.

Let it sit to fully decompose. Materials need to sit for about a year. Consider starting a separate pile/bin with fresh materials while the first one “cooks.”

When is it ready? Finished compost is a nutrient-rich, dark material that looks like soil and has an earthy smell.

More info at bedford2030.org/get-the-dirt-on-composting

Browns



AUTUMN LEAVES



WOOD CHIPS



SHREDDED NEWSPAPER



STRAW, HAY



SMALL TWIGS



NUTSHELLS

Greens



VEGETABLE SCRAPS



COFFEE GROUNDS



FRESH LEAVES, LAWN CLIPPINGS



FRUIT SCRAPS



EGGSHELLS



PLANTS, FLOWERS

Not recommended for at-home compost piles:



ALL MEAT PRODUCTS



OILS AND FATS



DAIRY



COMPOSTABLE BAGS AND SERVEWARE



FLOWERS OR SEEDS OF WEEDS



LARGE BRANCHES