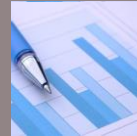




# CITY OF COLLEGE PARK FOOD SCRAP PROGRAM



Budget: \$12,000



Expanded to second location in February 2020



Planning to increase the number of drop off sites





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# FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF

Starting April 1, 2019, the City will be piloting a new food scrap drop-off program to reduce organic material sent to the landfill.

Instead of throwing food scraps into the trash, collect your food scraps and bring them to:

The Department of Public Works  
9217 51st Avenue

Hollywood & Downtown Farmers Markets  
(during season only - visit website for dates/times)



First 50 participants get  
a **FREE** 5-gallon food  
scrap bucket &  
compostable bags!\*

\*Limited time offer - only available for City residents at the Department of Public Works during business hours

Postcard, printed  
and mailed to all  
households.



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9217 51st Avenue, College Park, MD 20740

## WHAT CAN I DROP-OFF?

### ACCEPTED

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Coffee Grounds & Tea Leaves
- Dry Goods  
*Breads, Pasta, Nuts, Rice & Grains*
- Dairy Products, Eggs & Egg Shells
- Meat, Fish, Poultry & Bones  
*cooked or uncooked*
- Food Soiled Paper Products  
*Napkins, Paper Towels, Teabags & Coffee Filters*

### NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic products of any kind
- Pet waste or Diapers
- Shells
- Grease or fats
- Ash from wood or charcoal

## FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF STARTING APRIL 1, 2019

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

240.487.3590  
publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov  
[www.collegeparkmd.gov/foodscraps](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov/foodscraps)



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- ✗ Plastic products of any kind
- ✗ Pet Waste or Diapers
- ✗ Clam or Oyster Shells
- ✗ Grease or Fats
- ✗ Ash from wood or charcoal

**IF IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!**

**Empty contents loosely in container, or use compostable bags\***

**\*NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED**

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## FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF PROGRAM A User's Guide

### Drop-Off Food Scrap Collection

Instead of putting food scraps in the trash, City residents can drop them off for FREE at the following locations:

- **Public Works**, 9217 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, College Park (available 24/7)
- **Old Town Playground and Community Garden**, 7504 Columbia Avenue (available 24/7)
- **Hollywood Farmers Market**, 9801 Rhode Island Avenue, from 9am-1pm seasonal

**HOW?** .....  
Getting started is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1.** Get a bucket with a lid (we have 5-gallon buckets available at DPW) and a kitchen collector for your food scraps. (Coffee containers work well for counter and a 5-gallon bucket for outside.) Please use compostable bags (not plastic). Bags are available online through many retailers.
- 2.** Fill your kitchen collector with food scraps and when full, empty in bucket.
- 3.** Empty your bucket at drop-off location.

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**The "IN" List**

- Fruit & vegetable
- Coffee grounds & tea leaves
- Dry goods (breads, pasta, nuts, rice & grains)
- Dairy products, eggs & egg shells
- Tea bags and loose tea
- Meat, fish, poultry & bones (cooked or uncooked)
- Food soiled paper products (napkins, paper towels, teabags & coffee filters)

**The "KEEP OUT" List**

- NO plastic bags or plastic products of any kind
- NO pet waste or diapers
- NO ash from wood or charcoal
- NO oyster shells
- NO grease or fats

**WHY?**

- Organics are resource, not a waste!
- Composting can greatly reduce a household's waste production by 50%.
- Seeing how much gets thrown out can help you rethink your purchasing habits, saving you money.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and prevent unnecessary amounts of waste from going to landfills.



Label for carts and  
5-gallon bucket

User Guide



# YES, YOU CAN COMPOST THAT!

(AND MANY OTHER THINGS)



## REDUCE YOUR WASTE

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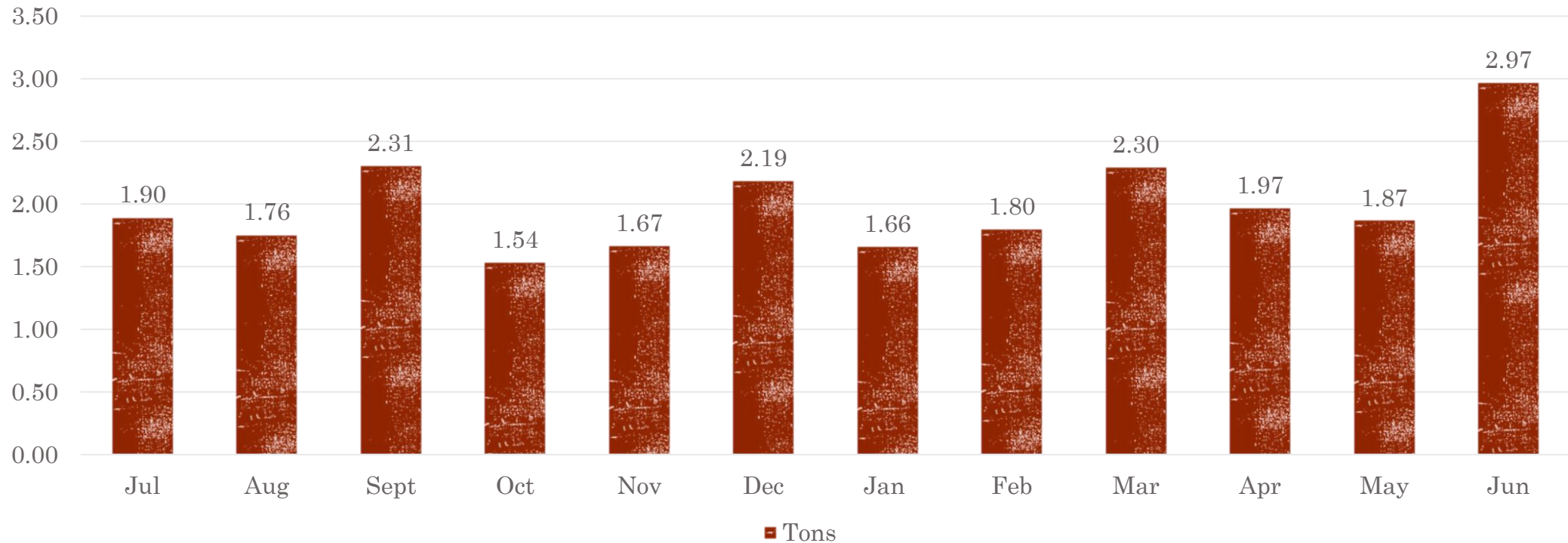
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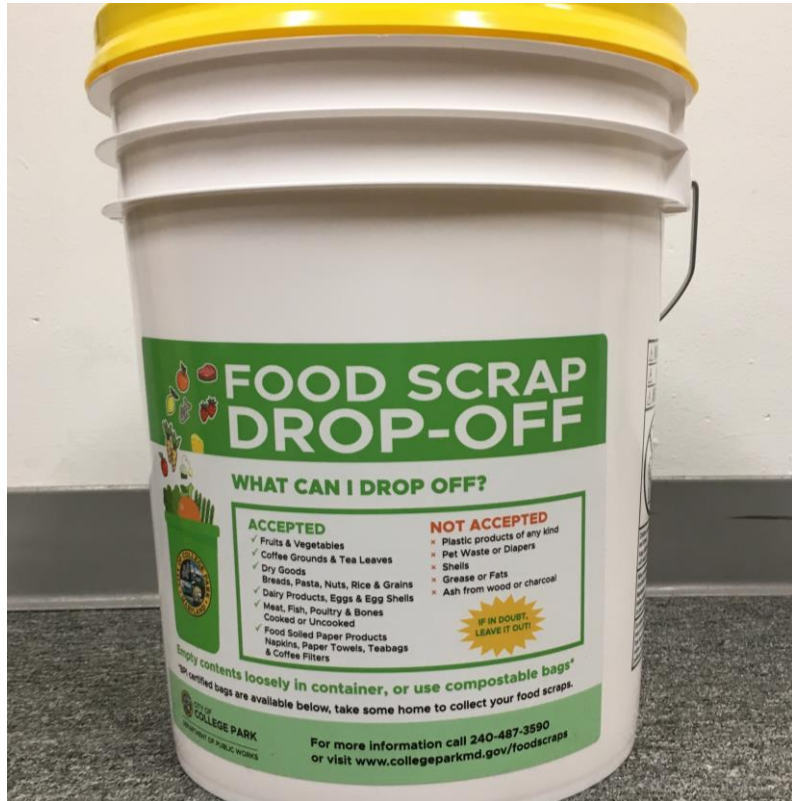
Samples of social  
media posts

# FISCAL YEAR 2021 – DIVERTED 23.95 TONS



SINCE APRIL 2019 WE HAVE DIVERTED 56 TONS OF FOOD SCRAPS FROM THE LANDFILL!





# THANK YOU

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