

Why Food Waste Recycling Makes Sense

Separating food scraps from your garbage is easy. Less waste goes to the landfill, and valuable nutrients are recycled to make WLSSD's great compost, *Garden Green®*.

The food scraps you drop off are taken to the WLSSD Organics Composting Facility where they are mixed with shredded yard trimmings and carefully composted - year-round! We can even compost those items not recommended for backyard composting, like meat, fish, bones, and cheese.

By composting food scraps, we "close the loop" and make *Garden Green®*, a valuable soil amendment that plants love!



Where to Drop Off Food Waste

WLSSD Yard Waste Composting Site

27th Ave. W. & Courtland St. (Drop site open Apr - Oct)

- Summer Hours (Apr - Oct)
Mon, Tue, Fri, Sun: Noon - 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
CLOSED WED, THURS

WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility

27th Ave. W. & Courtland St. (Drop site open Nov - Mar)

- Winter Hours (Nov - Mar)
Mon, Tue, Fri: Noon - 3 pm
Sat: 9 am - 3 pm
CLOSED WED, THURS, SUN

WLSSD Materials Recovery Center (former landfill)

Rice Lake & Ridgeview Rds.

- Summer Hours (Apr - Oct)
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs: 10 am - 5 pm
Fri and Sat: 8 am - 4 pm
CLOSED SUN
- Winter Hours (Nov - Mar)
Tue thru Sat: 9 am - 3 pm
CLOSED SUN, MON

Marshall Hardware (parking lot behind store)

4415 E. Superior St., Duluth

- Hours: Tuesday, 6 am - 8 pm

Willard Munger Inn (parking lot)

7408 Grand Ave., Duluth

- Hours: Daily, 8 am - 8 pm.
Bin is locked; combination is provided to users.

Coffee Den (parking lot)

212 3rd Ave., Proctor

- Hours: Daily, 7 am - 8 pm.
Bin is locked; combination is provided to users.

Chester Creek Café (parking lot)

1902 E 8th St., Duluth

- Hours: Daily, 7 am - 8 pm.
Bin is locked; combination is provided to users.

Questions? Call the WLSSD Hotline @ 722-0761
or email gardengreen@wlssd.com.

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Hey, it's easy to recycle food waste and kitchen scraps!

HOMES AND SMALL BUSINESSES





Here's WHAT you can recycle,
plus HOW, WHERE and WHEN
you can drop it off
for FREE!

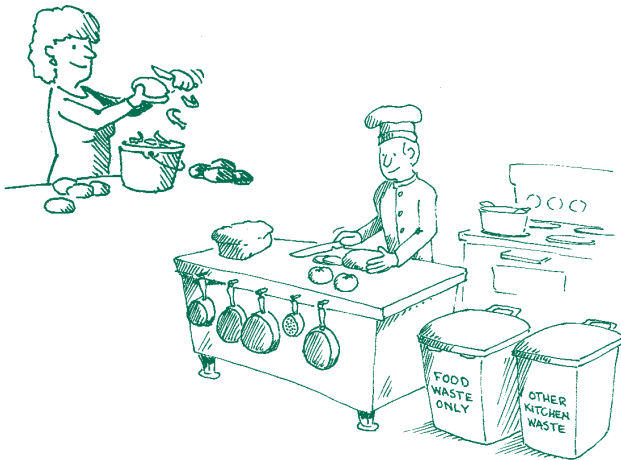


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What Food Wastes to Recycle

YES - Recycle These!

- Meat and fish scraps, fat, bones 
- Spoiled or moldy food (no liquid) 
- Loose tea leaves and tea bags 
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Fruits and vegetables, peels and pits
- Cheese and butter 
- Baked goods, dough, pasta, rice
- Anything that is/was edible

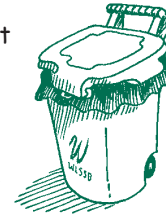


NO - Put These in the Trash

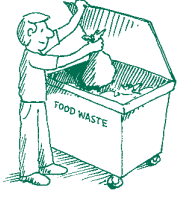
- No plastic bags, containers or wrap
- No pet wastes or kitty litter
- No diapers
- No liquids
- No dirt, stones or rocks

Tips to Help You Collect Food Waste

- Keep a food scrap container near the kitchen sink for easy access.
- Wrap smelly food, such as fish, in newspaper. Freeze until you are ready to drop it off and place it, paper and all, in a biodegradable bag.
- Prior to drop-off, all food waste must be placed in securely tied, biodegradable bags. Twist-ties are OK.
- Biodegradable bags are provided free at WLSSD-staffed drop sites or can be purchased from The Green Mercantile, Marshall Hardware, Cub Foods, Super One, Ace Hardware (Downtown), Menards, and Whole Foods Co-op.
- Small-size bags fit 1-2 gallon scrap containers. Large-size bags fit kitty litter tubs and 5-gallon pickle buckets - perfect for freezer clean-outs!
- Use WLSSD's Waste-Free Party Kit to collect food waste at parties, church suppers, family reunions, and holiday gatherings - it's free, just call 722-0761 to reserve a kit.



How to Drop Off Food Waste

- At WLSSD facilities, check in with the site attendant for instructions and to obtain a new biodegradable bag for your next visit.
- At neighborhood drop sites, oversight and instructions are provided by host businesses. Bags are available for purchase.
- Secure your food waste in biodegradable bags, gently place in the drop site bin, and close the bin lid. 
- Never leave food waste outside of bin.
- For large amounts, please use the bins located at WLSSD's Materials Recovery Center or WLSSD's 27th Ave. W. facilities.



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