



## Stamford Food Scrap Recycling Program Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where and when can I drop off my food scraps?**

Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center · 130 Magee Ave. · During regular hours of operation

### **Why should I participate in this program if I already compost in my backyard?**

You can continue to compost at home while at the same time bring other compostable scraps to the city's composter. Things like meat, bones, cooked food, and dairy. See the list of compostable items and check it out

### **Where can I buy a starter kit and replacement rolls of compostable bags?**

City of Stamford Scale House · 101 Harbor View Ave · Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stamford Government Center · 888 Washington Blvd · Cashiering & Permitting, Ground Floor  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Starter kit = \$20 (at cost) · Roll of 25 compostable bags = \$2 (at cost)

Payment in cash or personal check

### **Why can't I buy my recycling materials at the Recycling Center?**

The City is not set up for any financial transactions at Mygatt.

### **What is in the starter kit?**

- 2-gallon countertop collection pail
- Roll of 25 compostable bags to line the countertop pail
- 6-gallon collection bin for full countertop pail bags. This bin locks so its contents won't spill.
- Information pamphlet

### **Why do my food scraps have to be inside compostable bags to be accepted?**

Unlike other municipalities that have their food waste hauled away, Stamford composts the waste itself. City sanitation workers put the bags in a commercial composter. Handling unbagged food waste is unsanitary and unmanageable.

### **Are *compostable* and *recyclable* the same thing?**

NO. Compostable bags are made from natural materials such as starch and decompose fully into compost, while recyclable bags are not.

### **Can I put paper grocery bags and other paper in with the food scraps?**

No. Please continue to recycle paper with your regular recycling. That said, used white paper towels and napkins can be included with your food waste. Note that we do not accept paper towels/napkins that have been used with chemical cleaners.

### **How is this good for the environment if I'm driving down to drop off food scraps?**

Great question! There are several ways to save on driving:

- Coordinate your trip to Katrina Mygatt with other reasons to be at/near the drop-off site.
- "Carpool Composting" is another good option to decrease our carbon emissions. Work with your neighbors and friends to take turns transporting a bunch of bins at once.
- Depending on the success of this program, the City may make more drop-off sites available to the public in the future. So please spread the word!