

Community Composting

STARTING NOVEMBER 1st

at the Belfast Transfer Station

How to Compost Food Waste

1. Put all food to discard in a container with a lid.
2. Empty your food container at the community composting drop-off site.
3. Wash your container and repeat!

What Goes into the Compost?



How Food Waste Drop-Off at the Belfast Transfer Station works:

- Use your own container to drop off food scraps -- no cost to you,
or
- To receive finished compost, subscribe for **ScrapDogs** bucket drop-off:



Benefits of Food Waste Composting

Trashing food is expensive because food is wet & heavy to haul away and store in a landfill. Composting food waste is a much better option.

Save Money!

- Use fewer trash bags
- Dispose of food scraps for FREE (or a monthly fee if you want finished compost)
- Save tax dollars for trash hauling costs & landfill-related costs

Support Local Community!

- Create a valuable local product — compost for gardens
- Your food scraps help grow more fresh food here in Waldo County

Help the Environment!

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from methane in landfills
- Prevent leaching dangerous chemicals from wet garbage in landfills
- Build soil health
- Mitigate climate change

Even if you compost food waste at home, by using the Transfer Station food waste drop-off you can also ...

- Compost during cold weather
- Compost meat and dairy waste

For more information:

- [City of Belfast Transfer Station](#)
- [ScrapDogs Community Compost](#)
- [Food Rescue Maine](#), Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions, University of Maine
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection, [Food Loss and Waste Generation Study](#)
- Maine Climate Council, [2024 Draft Recommendations](#)