

Food Scrap Recycling in Scarsdale

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Food Scrap Recycling “Starter Kit”
Available to residents for \$20



FOOD SCRAPS
ACCEPTED ITEMS

• Fruits and Vegetables (including stems and tops)	• Chips and Fritters
• Meat and Poultry (cooked)	• Nuts and Seeds
• Fish and Shellfish (cooked)	• Leftover and Spoiled Food
• Dairy Products	• Coffee Grounds (used or unused)
• Bread and Pastry	• Tea Bags (no metal)
• Rice and Grains	• Paper Towels and Napkins
• Egg Shells	• Cat Flowers
	• Compostable Bags (including bags)

Questions? Contact Composting@scarsdale.com









**FOOD SCRAP
DROP-OFF SITE**

PLEASE DO NOT:

- Put anything other than food scraps in the bins
- Put liquids, oils, grease, or fats in the bins
- Put household chemicals, paint, or other hazardous materials in the bins
- Put tires, appliances, or other bulky items in the bins

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Food scraps (vegetables, fruits, meat, bones, etc.)
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Eggshells
- Household food waste
- Small amounts of household food waste
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For more information, please visit: www.cityofchicago.org/departments/environmental/food-scrap-drop-off-site

Bins are “Organics” Toters

- Thicker walls
- Latch on lid
- Sealed tip bar
- Bright green color



Empty Bins

Full Bins are moved
to one side

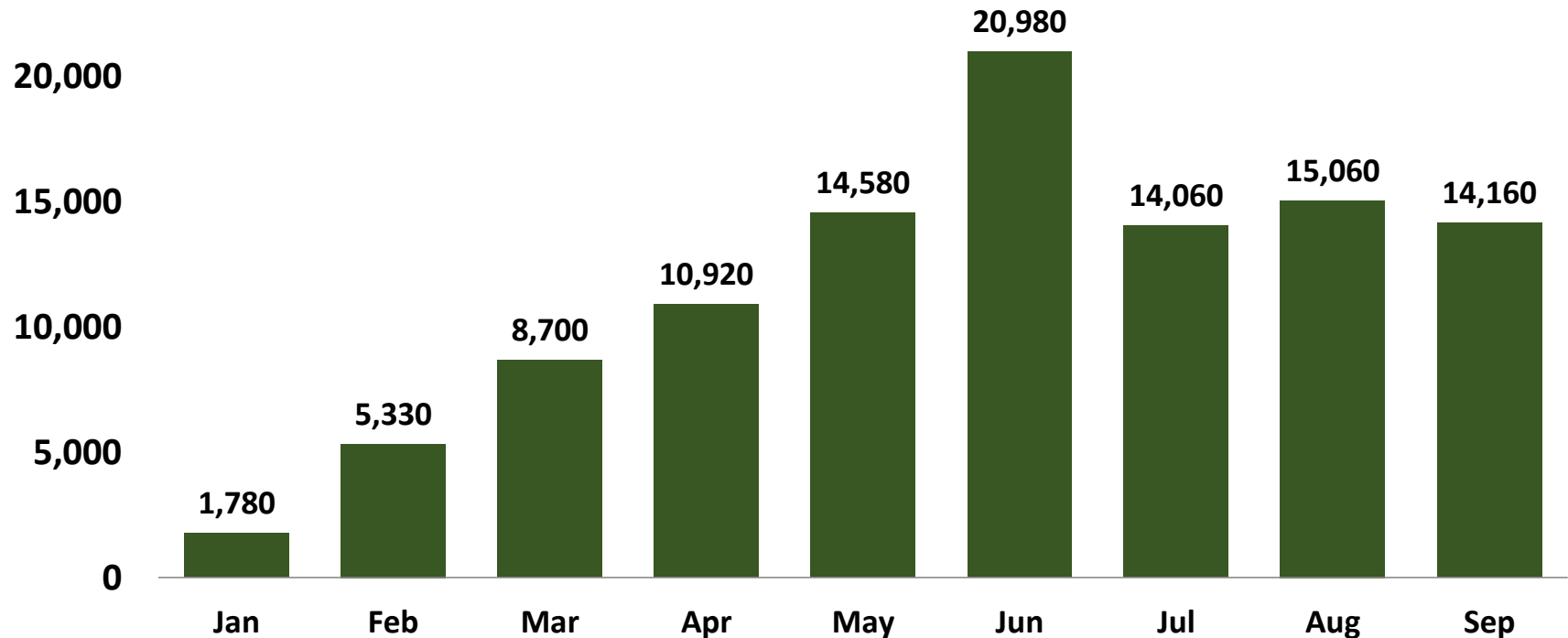


2-3 Bins kept up front for residents to
drop off their food scraps

Metrics

- Over 95,000lbs collected since January 9th
- 750+ Starter Kits purchased (13% of households)
- Some residents using their own pails
- Kits were sold out over summer

Food Scraps Collections *Pounds per Month*



Financials

Item	Qty	Total Cost	Notes
Startup Expenses (one-time)			
Outdoor Toters	20	\$1,000	
Signage at Drop-off Site	1	\$400	
Total Startup Expenses		\$1,400	
Operating Expenses (Annual)			
Pickup and Hauling	Weekly	\$4,800	\$400 per month
Compostable Liners for Toters	20 per week	\$500	
Outreach and Publicity	-	\$500	Compost Giveback Day, Banner
Total Operating Expenses		\$5,800	
Reimbursed Outlays (Items purchased by Village in bulk and sold to residents at cost)			
Starter Kits: Countertop Pail	600	\$2,400	\$4 - 5 each
Starter Kits: Caddy	600	\$7,200	\$11 - 13 each
Starter Kits: Guide	600	\$300	\$0.50 each
Starter Kits: Roll of Bags	600	\$1,200	\$2 each
Compostable Bags (3 gallon)	As needed	-	Sold for \$2 per roll of 25
Compostable Bags (13 gallon)	As needed	-	Sold for \$5 per roll of 25
Total Reimbursed Outlays		\$11,100	

Community Outreach and Education

Focus

- Awareness and education about the program
- What's accepted, how it works and avoiding contamination
- Why recycle food scraps

How

- Established Ad-Hoc Committee with DPW personnel and residents
- Presentations to local groups
- Outreach at events
- Compost give-back day
- Dedicated page on website
- Program guide (also available in Spanish and Mandarin)



Compost from our Food Scraps used on our Gardens



Collecting Food Scraps



Dropping off



Scarsdale is Closing the Loop!



Residents picking up compost at Compost Giveback Day



Compost!



Food Scraps Ready for Pickup

Questions or would like to learn more?

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