A Vermonter's Guide to

COMPOSTING

FOOD SCRAPS

Take produce stickers off first!

✅ **Backyard bin**
✅ **Drop-off / pickup**

MEAT, BONES & DAIRY

These take longer to break down. In a backyard bin, they can attract animals.
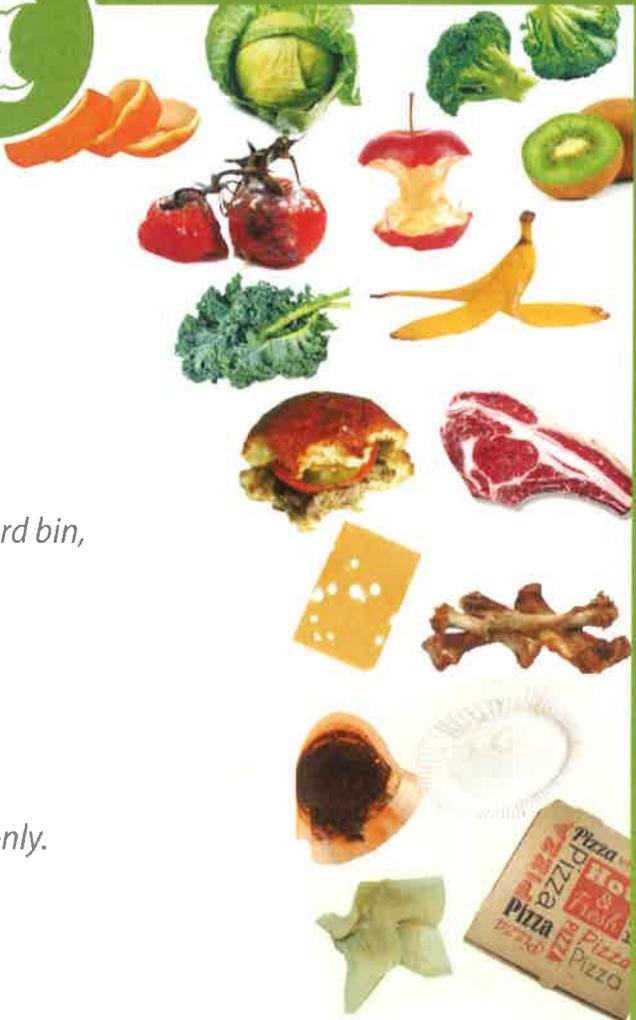
✅ **Drop-off / pickup only**

UNCOATED PAPER

Plain, uncoated paper and cardboard items only.

✅ **Backyard bin**
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COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

Bags, cups, etc. *must be 100% certified compostable. They break down best in large, commercial composting facilities.*

✅ **Drop-off / pickup is best**

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compostable

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Get a collection container for your kitchen (like an empty yogurt tub or a small pail). If you'll be dropping off food scraps, a 5-gallon bucket with a tight-fitting lid works well for transport.

2. Line your kitchen pail with a paper towel, newspaper, leaves or a certified compostable bag to keep it cleaner. Layering food scraps with paper towels or coffee grounds helps control odors. Some pails have a built-in charcoal filter to help contain odor.

3. Start collecting food scraps!
(See reverse for what goes in.)

4. Empty it directly into your backyard bin, or into your drop-off bucket or pickup cart.

5. Rinse and repeat!

WE CAN HELP

We sell kitchen pails & backyard bins at cost. We also offer free composting workshops and free drop-off buckets!

BACKYARD

Use 3 times as many "browns" as food scraps (browns include leaves, shredded newspaper, wood shavings, or straw). For more tips, troubleshooting, and workshop dates, visit our website.

DROP-OFF

Bring your food scraps to a drop-off location *(fees may apply)*:

Green Mountain Compost
1042 Redmond Rd, Williston

CSWD Drop-Off Centers
Various locations

PICKUP

Call your trash & re-cycling hauler to ask about pickup service, or find a company that serves your area at **cswd.net/haulers**.