

Food for Thought

Did you know that Food Waste is the largest part of our waste stream and the least often recycled material? With food waste creating such a local impact, Connecticut has established a goal of recovering 60% of its municipal solid waste, (including organics from food waste), through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting by 2024.

Believe it or not, your food waste is the next source of renewable energy and Glastonbury's partner, Quantum BioPower, creates clean, renewable energy through the natural process of Anaerobic Digestion. Glastonbury is one of the first towns in the state to implement this innovative food waste collection program, therefore all residents are encouraged to participate to help Connecticut achieve its recycling goal.



For more information, call the Glastonbury Refuse Disposal Division at (860) 652-7772.

**36,395,000 tons
of food waste
are generated in the U.S. each year.**

**YOU can make a
difference.**

**Recycle your food waste through
the Town of Glastonbury
Food Waste Collection Program!**

**Dispose of your food waste at the
Glastonbury Transfer Station:**

**2340 New London Turnpike
Tuesday - Saturday
7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

www.glastonbury-ct.gov/recycle

Glastonbury Food Waste Recycling Program

Through a new partnership with Quantum BioPower and All Waste, Glastonbury is now offering a residential food waste collection program. An enclosed container will be available at the Transfer Station for residents to dispose of raw and prepared foods. The Town will transport the material to a facility where the waste will ultimately be converted into a marketable, organic soil amendment product.

Acceptable Materials

Produce
Meats, Poultry, Fish
Liquid Waste
Fats, Oils, and Greases
Coffee
Dairy
Prepared Foods
Raw Foods

Not Accepted

Food Packaging
Plastic Bags
Film Plastics
Plastic Utensils
Aluminum Cans/Containers
Non-Organic Materials

**This program supplements the Town's existing organic recycling efforts where brush is recycled into landscape mulch and leaves/grass clippings are composted to produce a soil amendment product. For information on all of Glastonbury's recycling programs, please visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/recycle.*

How the Program Works

As you collect food waste in your home, you can store it in a compost container until you are able to transport it to the Transfer Station. Compost containers sell for roughly \$10 - \$20 per product and are available for purchase at Walmart as well as online stores such as The Container Store and Greenhouse Megastore. They feature a handle for easy transport and many can be washed in your dishwasher for reuse. Simply bring your food waste container to the Transfer Station, empty it into the marked Food Waste Collection container, and bring it home with you for reuse.

Permits are required for participation in this program. Please visit www.glastonbury-ct.gov/recycle and click on "Waste Disposal Guidelines" to view applicable permit fees.

Waste Recycling Process

Waste will be treated through an anaerobic digestion process, which is relatively new to Connecticut. This biological process breaks down food waste and other materials into combustible methane gas. Throughout the process, waste is naturally decomposed to generate renewable energy, and the waste is ultimately converted into a marketable, organic soil amendment product.

The program is for food waste collection only therefore please refrain from placing plastic, glass, or cardboard materials in the collection bin.