

Get started with

# Food Scraps Drop-Off

**Food Scraps are a resource, not a waste!**

Over 20% of household trash is food waste, like fruit peels, eggshells, coffee grounds, bones, and more. By separating your food scraps, you can help turn them into soil instead of becoming trash.



# Getting started is easy!



- 1 Find a container to collect food scraps.**  
Pick up free BPI Certified compostable bags at a Washington County food scraps drop-off site.
- 2 Start collecting food scraps at home.**  
Line your container with a certified compostable bag and fill it with food scraps and other accepted items.
- 3 Bring bagged food scraps to a drop-off site.**  
Bring your filled compostable bag to a free drop-off site. Pick up another free bag while you are there. See back for locations and hours.



## Quick Tips for Storage and Transport

### No plastic bags

To contain spills and leaks, store and transport bags in a reusable container or paper bag. Plastic grocery bags are not accepted.

### Freeze it

If you're concerned about odors, freeze your bags.

### Seal it

If you're worried about pests, use a container with a tight seal or locking lid.

## Items Accepted

-  Fruits and vegetables
-  Meat, fish, and bones
-  Dairy products
-  Eggs and eggshells
-  Bread, pasta, beans, and rice
-  Nuts and shells
-  Coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags
-  Moldy or rotten food
-  Paper towels
-  Napkins and tissues



## Items Not Accepted

- **NO** yard waste
- **NO** animal/pet waste, litter, or bedding
- **NO** dead animals
- **NO** diapers
- **NO** cleaning or baby wipes
- **NO** dryer lint and dryer sheets
- **NO** recyclable items (cartons, glass, metal, paper, plastic)
- **NO** rubber
- **NO** frozen food boxes
- **NO** styrofoam™
- **NO** wood

For a full list of accepted and not accepted items visit:  
[WashCoRecycles.com/FoodScraps](https://WashCoRecycles.com/FoodScraps)

# Drop-off Locations

## Mahtomedi Site

800 Stillwater Rd. | Mahtomedi

*Open 24/7, unless otherwise noted.*

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## North Environmental Center

6065 Headwaters Pkwy. | Forest Lake

### Hours

<b>Monday</b>	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Closed on all county-observed holidays.*

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## North Yard Waste Site

6065 Headwaters Pkwy. | Forest Lake

*See website for current hours.*

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## South Environmental Center

4039 Cottage Grove Dr. | Woodbury

### Hours

<b>Tuesday</b>	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Find more drop-off locations:  
[WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal](https://WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal)



*Scan for location and hours.*

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