



Erie County

# PLATE TO FIELD

Organics  
Management  
Program

**Food Scrap Collection with Town of Eden**

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# What is composting?

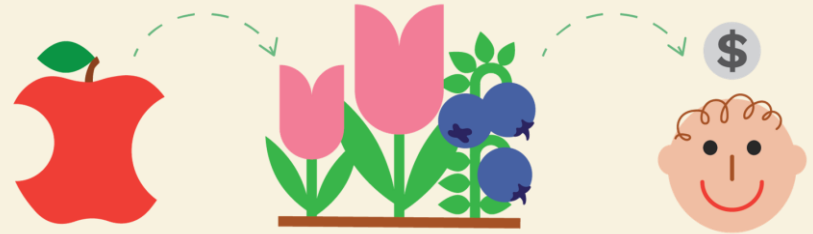


Decomposition happens in nature.

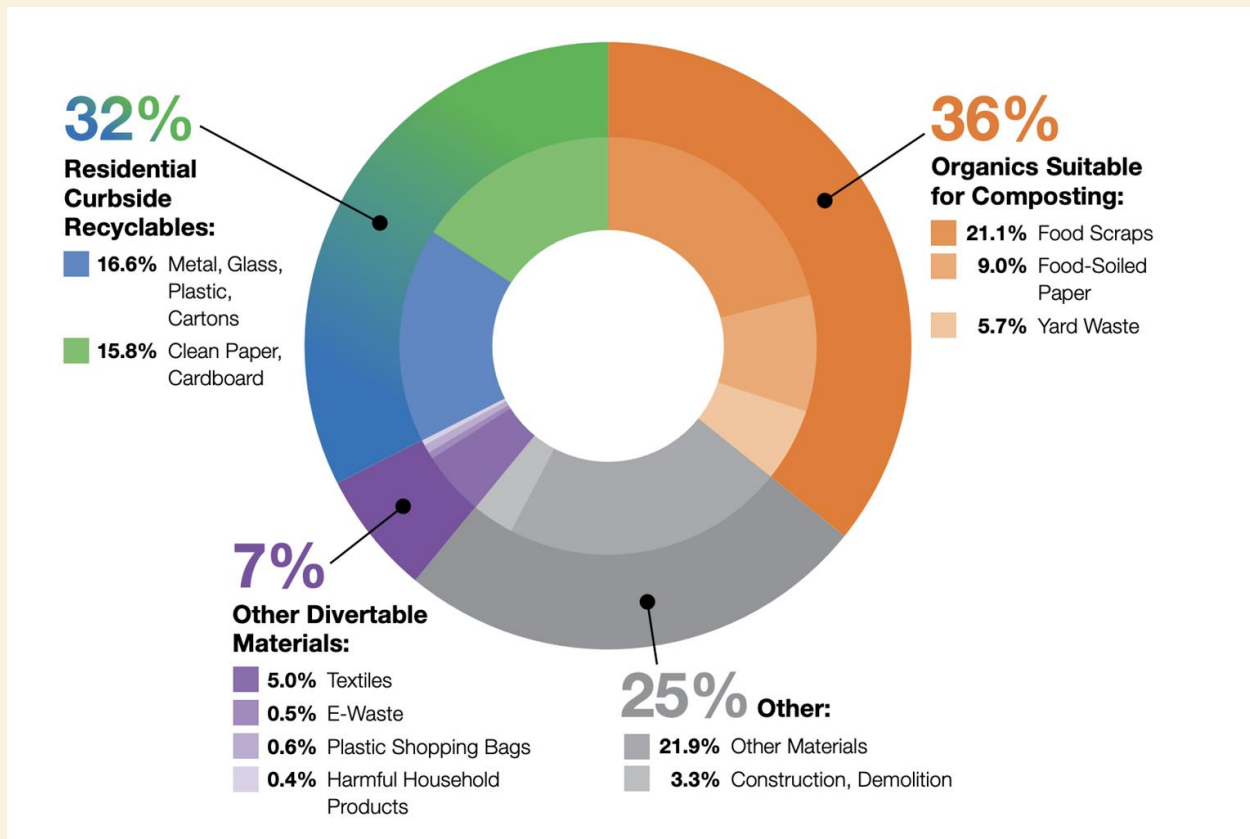
When humans work to manage the decomposition process, we call it **composting**.

# W.H.Y. compost?

- **W**aste Reduction
- **H**orticulture Use
- **Y**our Wallet



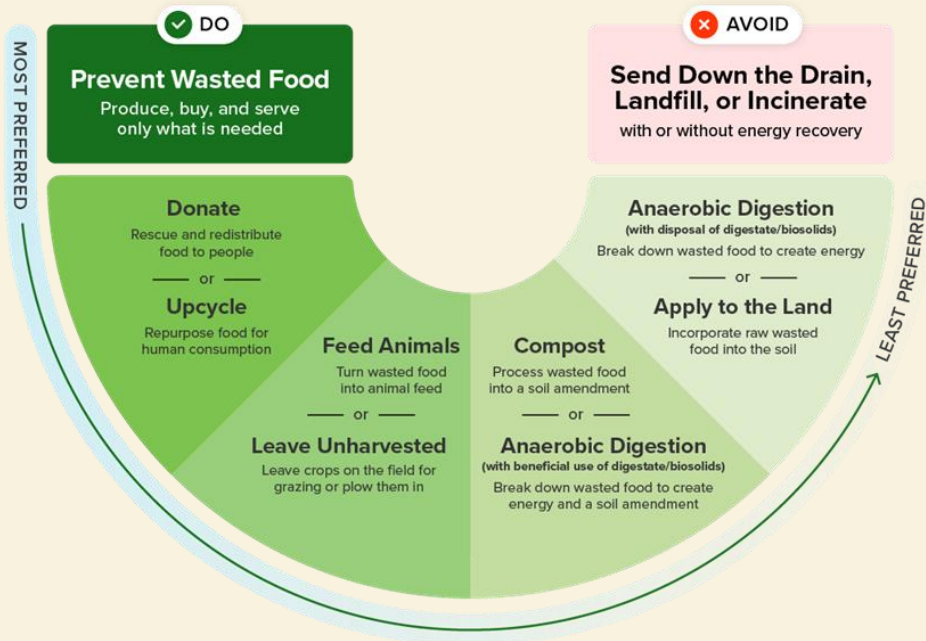
# NYC Residential Waste Audit 2023





## Wasted Food Scale

How to reduce the environmental impacts of wasted food



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- **Develop Organics Management Plan:** guiding strategies, hands-on involvement, and support for diverting food
- **Provide resources** for education and infrastructure for successful program
- Recruit, train, and coordinate **community volunteers**

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# Questions & Next Steps

## **Meeting with Key Stakeholders:**

- **Secure Support**
- **Discuss options for Pilot program**

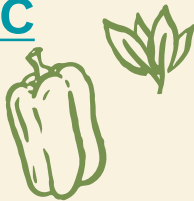
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# NYS Food Donation & Food Scraps Recycling Law

- Passed in 2019
- **Large Generators (>2 tons / week) must:**
  - Donate all edible food
  - Recycle remaining food scraps IF within 25 miles of organics facility

[Food Donation And Food Scraps Recycling Law - NYSDEC](#)





# 2022 NYS Annual Report

- 629 of 874 entities reported (~72% reporting rate)
- **Food Donated: 36,746,680 lbs = 44,096,016 meals**
- **Food Recycled: 532,936,000 lbs**





# Funding Opportunities

- **Consolidated Funding Application** is now open
- **NYS Climate Smart Communities** grant applications are due July 31, 2025
- 2 informational webinars on June 9 and July 14 [2025-CFA-Resources-Available.pdf](#)

