Residential Food Scraps Collection, Composting In the U.S.
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Growth Trends:
• About 10% growth in number of municipalities and households
Prediction for 2015
• Slow but steady growth, with several major communities expanding programs (e.g., Minneapolis, New York City)
• 198 Communities with curbside food scrap collection
• Represents 2.74 million households in 19 states
PAYT and Curbside Food Scraps Collection, Brattleboro and Vernon, Vermont

Photos courtesy of Brattleboro, VT
Figure 1. Community composting sites in New York City supported or funded by the NYC Compost Project

- NYC Compost Project host site funded by DSNY’s Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling
- Community compost site that receives support from NYC Compost Project

Lower East Side Ecology Center
New Amsterdam Market
Earth Matter NY
Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
The New York Botanical Garden
Build It Green! NYC
Queens Botanical Garden
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Graphic courtesy of the DSNY Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling

*Map shows community compost site locations in 2012. The number of sites increased to 221 in 2013.

Food Scraps Drop-Offs in New York City

Because of the community composting network funded by the NYC Department of Sanitation, tens of thousands of New Yorkers can conveniently drop off their food scraps to be composted locally.

DSNY-funded drop-off site. Includes GreenNYC Greenmarket sites & NYC Compost Project’s Local Organics Recovery Program sites.
NYC Compost Project Local Organics Recovery Program (LORP) composting site. Operated by community-based nonprofits.
DSNY composting site. Operated by WeCare-Organics.

Commuter Composting at the Vernon Ave. 7 Train
NYC Compost Project LORP sites provide residents with convenient food scraps drop-off locations before getting on the bus or subway.

Public Library Drop-Off in Astoria, Queens
The NYC Compost Project hosted by Build It Green! NYC hosts residential food scraps drop-offs at several public libraries in Queens.

Community Drop-Off at Union Square Greenmarket
Started by the Lower East Side Ecology Center in 1994, this program services 1,500 households and has been a model for drop-off programs throughout the City.

Zero Waste Station on Governors Island
The NYC Compost Project hosted by Earth Matter NY collects and processes all food scraps on Governors Island.

Food Scraps Drop-Off at Cortelyou Greenmarket
One of 16 GreenNYC food scraps drop-off sites serviced directly by DSNY.
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