



Greenburgh to Launch Food Scrap Recycling Program

Nearly triples Westchester population with access to a drop-off site

Westchester County, NY (January 5, 2018) – The Town of Greenburgh, in partnership with the Greenburgh Nature Center, will launch the largest residential food scrap recycling program in Westchester County beginning January 17, 2018.

As of January 17th, Anthony F Veteran Park in Hartsdale will have a drop-off site open daily from 8am-8pm to collect food scraps from the 135,000 residents of the Town of Greenburgh. All food scraps, including but not limited to meat, bones, dairy, fish, fruit, vegetables, bread, pasta, cooked food, leftover food, etc. will be accepted. The collected food scraps will then be transferred to a commercial composting facility outside of Greenburgh to be recycled into nutrient-rich compost.

With the launch of the Town of Greenburgh program, the population of Westchester residents with access to a food scrap drop-off site will nearly triple. Greenburgh will be following in the footsteps of Scarsdale, Larchmont-Mamaroneck, and Bedford, whose programs serve approximately 70,000 Westchester residents in total.

The Greenburgh Nature Center teaches visitors about sustainable materials management through their green birthday parties, zero-waste sorting stations, and compost systems. They introduced a food scrap recycling pilot program in the summer of 2015 which taught Anthony F Veteran Pool visitors about the benefits of composting using on-site zero-waste sorting stations. As a local leader in sustainability education, the Nature Center has been teaching local public schools such as Greenville Elementary, Seely Place Elementary, Edgemont High School, and Springhurst Elementary how to implement comprehensive recycling and composting as part of their daily operations.

Food scrap collection "starter kits" can be purchased by residents at Anthony F Veteran Park or Greenburgh Nature Center with a \$20 check payable to the Town of Greenburgh. A starter kit includes a small countertop pail, a larger storage and transportation bin, and a roll of compostable liner bags.

Have questions or want to learn more? Email Rachel Carpitella at foodscraprecycling@greenburghny.com. Connect socially at www.facebook.com/TownofGreenburghFoodScrapRecycling.

About Greenburgh Nature Center

The Greenburgh Nature Center's mission is to ignite passion, curiosity and respect for our natural world. The Nature Center has been a leader in environmental education since 1975. Our 33-acre property includes a woodland preserve with hiking trails, organic garden, nature's discovery playground, Native Plant Meadow, greenroof exhibit, and more than 100 animals.

The Greenburgh Nature Center is located at 99 Dromore Rd Scarsdale, NY 10583. For additional information on the Nature Center please visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org. Connect socially at www.facebook.com/greenburghnaturecenter.gnc, on Twitter at @greenburghnc, and on Instagram at [@greenburghnaturecenter](https://www.instagram.com/greenburghnaturecenter).

Greenburgh's Food Scrap Recycling Opening Event

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

Anthony F Veteran Park, 11am-12pm

Opening Ceremony with the Town Supervisor

Starter Kits available for purchase, \$20 cost/check payment only

Demonstrations by the Greenburgh Nature Center

Light refreshments to be served

Drop-Off Site Address

The food scrap drop-off site at Anthony F Veteran Park is located at 11 Olympic Lane, Hartsdale, NY.

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