

### **DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

- ◆ food is the largest type of waste going into municipal landfills and incinerators.
- ◆ 36 million tons of food ends up in landfills or are combusted each year.
- ◆ the average person throws away 20 pounds of food every month!

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING LINCOLN COUNTY CUT DOWN ON ITS WASTE?**

Drop your food scraps off at Lincoln County Recycling and get compost in return! The program, which will run for a pilot period of 60 to 90 days at the Lincoln County Recycling Center, is looking for participants in Wiscasset or surrounding towns.

### **GETTING STARTED IS EASY**

Just complete an application and bring it to the Lincoln County Recycling Center or leave it in the mailbox at the courthouse. We will assign you numbered a 5-gallon bucket and then begin collecting acceptable food scraps. Applications area available on our website [www.LincolnCountyMaine.me](http://www.LincolnCountyMaine.me). or at the recycling center.

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

Participants will be asked to collect their food scraps in a bucket and bring them to the Lincoln County Recycling on at least a bi-weekly basis. Food scrap deposits will be weighed and recorded as part of the process. You can bring your scrap buckets Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM.

**The first 25 committed individuals to sign up for this program will receive a 5 gallon bucket with a locking lid to collect their food scraps in.**



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***Lincoln County  
Recycling Center  
is launching a new  
pilot program to  
begin composting  
your food scraps!***

# LISTING OF ACCEPTABLE “GREEN” MATERIALS

- ◆ **ALL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** — Includes all types of fruits (fresh & dried), fruit peels, skins, and rinds
  - ◆ **EGG SHELLS & (COOKED) EGGS** — no raw eggs
  - ◆ **GRAINS, BREADS & PASTA** — Includes dough, bakery items, oatmeal, rolls and all types of pasta
- ◆ **CHEESES** — all types of hard cheeses, and most soft or cooked (ie. pizza) - no cottage cheese, cheese sauce or liquids
  - ◆ **SEAFOOD & SHELLS** — Includes all kinds of seafood and their shells—lobster, clams, oysters, etc.
- ◆ **TRIMMINGS (FLORAL, GRASS, WEED)** — Includes cut and dried flowers, houseplants (not bug-infested), fresh green grass clippings and plant trimmings grown without pesticides or weed killers
  - ◆ **COFFEE GROUNDS, PAPER FILTERS & TEA BAGS**
  - ◆ **NUT SHELLS**



## MATERIALS TO AVOID

- ◆ **NO LIQUIDS !!!** Will putrefy all other contents in bucket and smell bad!!
- ◆ **NO DAIRY** (other than cheeses) - Includes milk, soy milk, yogurt, sour cream, ice cream and juice
  - ◆ **NO BONES** — Very slow to decompose; can attract pests.
- ◆ **NO FATTY, OILY or GREASY FOODS** — Slow to decompose; will putrefy and smell bad
  - ◆ **NO RAW MEAT PRODUCTS**



No raw meat products  
(beef, poultry, pork, seafood)



No fats, oils, grease or  
non consumable liquids  
(vegetable oil or lard)