



## **Food Scrap Composting Program**

The Village of Riverside and Flood Bros Disposal Co. have partnered with the goal of decreasing the amount of organic refuse sent to landfills. Together we are offering a food scrap composting program to residents throughout the Village. Residents who enroll in this program will receive a wheeled cart for organics that is comparable in volume to three (3) bags or containers of yard waste collected. Subscribers to this program who use the organics cart will be allowed to mix food scraps and approved yard waste materials.

**Who Can Participate:** The program is available to all single-family residences. Flood Brothers will deliver organics carts to all program participants. The program will coincide with the yard waste seasonal collection program (April 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>). Organics pick-ups will take place on the normal Thursday collection day. Return the signup form to register for the program. Please be sure to include your email address for monthly program updates, educational seminars and event information.

**How the Program Will Work:** The program will be offered on a voluntary, subscription basis. The subscription cost will be \$14.00 per month during yard waste season, in addition to your



current refuse service. Residents will be allowed to share the organics carts and costs with neighbors with approval from the Village and Flood Bros.

**Collection Plan:** Residents who participate in the project will receive a 95-gallon cart for weekly collection of organics, an under the sink collection bucket and a set of compostable approved bags for food scraps. Both yard waste and food scraps may be placed in the organics cart. How-

ever, food scraps must be contained in a bag labeled *compostable* that meets ASTM 6400 standards.

## Compost: Questions and Answers

**What is Composting?** Composting is the process of organic waste decomposing into humus, a natural fertilizer. When the composting process is complete, the resulting material looks like rich soil.

### What are the benefits of Composting?

- Materials will be diverted from landfills and Flood Brothers will make up to 20 yards of compost available to participating residents.
- Materials will create a valuable end product.
- Since yard waste and food scraps are high emitters of methane, a gas more potent than carbon dioxide, composting these materials reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

### Composting Facts

- Globally, 4 Billion Tons of food is wasted per year.
- 40% of food in the United States goes uneaten every year, estimated 35 million tons.
- 20 pounds of food waste per person per month is wasted.

# COMPOSTABLES ONLY

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

### Food Scraps

Fruit and vegetable scraps  
Meat, poultry and fish scraps  
(including bones)  
Cheese and dairy scraps  
All solid food leftovers  
Bread, pasta and grains  
Eggshells and nutshells  
Coffee grounds and filters  
Tea bags

### Food Soiled Paper

Paper towels and napkins  
Paper food wrap  
Greasy pizza boxes  
Food-soiled cardboard  
(remove plastic or aluminum)  
Paper grocery bags containing food scraps  
Uncoated paper plates and cups

### Yard Waste

Leaves, grass and weeds  
Plant trimmings  
Branches  
House plants / flower bouquets  
(discard plastic container)

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Animal waste or pet litter  
Ashes  
Diapers, bath tissue  
Construction debris  
Foil  
Glass  
Garbage  
Ice cream cartons  
Liquids  
Metals  
Milk cartons  
Plastics or plastic bags  
Plastic coated paper plates or cups  
Styrofoam  
Rocks  
Please note: Some of the items in the unacceptable column may be placed in your recycling bin for collection with your recyclables. Please review your recycling guidelines for additional information.



**YES!** I want to participate in the Composting Program. I understand an additional \$14.00 per month of the program will be added to my service. I would like to share a cart with the neighbor listed below.

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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