

# FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION

A PILOT SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF BAY CITY, ESSEXVILLE, AND BANGOR, MONITOR, & HAMPTON TOWNSHIPS!

**SUBSCRIBE NOW THROUGH MAY 15th**



## WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

As our discarded food scraps are added to the landfills, the amount of methane emissions increases - as does the need for proper food scrap diversion programs. Take action against climate change by subscribing to the **Food Scrap Collection** pilot program, provided by Iris Waste Diversion Specialists in partnership with the City of Bay City and neighboring communities!

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

In this pilot program, you'll be able to properly dispose of your vegetative food scraps for a small monthly fee. Your food scraps will be picked up from your front porch or doorstep on a weekly basis and taken to 5Heart Earthworm Farm in Birch Run, where they will be fed to hungry red worms and turned into nutrient-rich worm castings!

### THIS PROGRAM WILL ACCEPT:



RAW FRUITS & VEGETABLES



COFFEE GROUNDS & FILTERS



TEA LEAVES & NATURAL TEA BAGS



EGG SHELLS

### NOT ACCEPTED:



MEATS



DAIRY



FATS, OILS & GREASE



SALT

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



For participating throughout the 9-month pilot you will receive a 5-gallon bucket of worm castings (a \$40 value) harvested from the worms you've been feeding. Use the castings in your garden or choose to donate them to your local Parks department.

This pilot **Food Scrap Collection** program allows your community to provide residents with another option for proper waste disposal. Your participation will help lead the way and inform other communities who are interested in offering food scrap diversion options.

## HERE'S HOW TO SUBSCRIBE:

Residents can subscribe through May 15th by visiting [www.iriswds.com](http://www.iriswds.com) and filling out the form or by calling **855-2GO-ZERO (855-246-9376)**.

### **DON'T WAIT!**

***This pilot program is limited to the first 200 subscribers.***

*(Rates can be found on back.)*

# PILOT PROGRAM TIMELINE & SERVICE INFORMATION

## April

Sign up begins! Open to the first **200 residents** who would like to participate in this important pilot program.

Visit [www.iriswds.com](http://www.iriswds.com) or call **855-2GO-ZERO** (855-246-9376) to reserve your spot!

## May

Subscribers will be contacted and provided with program information, their weekly pickup day, a 1-gallon kitchen pail and a storage bucket with lid to hold food scraps between collection days.

Participants can begin collecting vegetative food scraps.

## June

Collection begins! Place your storage bucket of food scraps on your porch or doorstep on your scheduled day. Program staff will be by to weigh and empty what has been collected.

Subscribers will receive a monthly account of the weight of food scraps collected along with the equivalent amount of greenhouse gas emissions saved by their participation.

## Program Duration

The pilot program is funded for 9 months. After the pilot program concludes, residents can continue with the collection program or can choose to end the service.

By having your food scraps diverted to 5Heart Earthworm Farm, you are not only supporting a local business, but fostering a circular, sustainable economy that uses food scraps to contribute to improving soil health.



## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

### Weekly Food Scrap Collection: \$20 per month

*You will receive confirmation of your subscription within 2 business days of signing up.*

### Swap Out Service (optional): \$2 per week cleaning fee

*Leave the cleaning to us! We'll swap the soiled storage bucket for a clean one so you can avoid the mess.*

## RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Residents are responsible for the cleanliness of both the kitchen pail and the storage bucket.
2. Upon subscribing to the program, residents agree to be surveyed **3 times** about their experience and the collection service: near the beginning, mid-way, and prior to the end of the pilot period.

*For additional participant expectations and disclaimers, please view the subscription form at [www.iriswds.com](http://www.iriswds.com).*

## Thank You in Advance for Participating!

Information collected during the pilot program will be shared with program participants and funders. This information will help others interested in beginning a residential food scrap collection program in their area.

*All questions regarding the Food Scrap Collection program are to be directed to Iris Waste Diversion Specialists: [info@iriswds.com](mailto:info@iriswds.com) or **855-2GO-ZERO** (855-246-9376).*



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