

FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO THE PILOT PROGRAM OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF BAY CITY, ESSEXVILLE, AND BANGOR, MONITOR, & HAMPTON TOWNSHIPS!



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Food scraps disposed of in landfills contributes to a warming climate. By subscribing to the Food Scrap Collection program, you will reduce your carbon footprint and return what came from the earth back to the earth. This service is 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

PUT THESE IN THE TRASH:



MEATS



DAIRY



FATS, OILS & GREASE



SALTY FOODS

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



You will receive:

- convenient weekly service from your front door
- a kitchen pail and collection bucket for your food scraps
- 5-gallon bucket of worm castings (\$40 value) at the end of the pilot period
- a sense of community knowing your participation and feedback is paving the way for similar programs across Michigan
- satisfaction knowing your food scraps are not going to waste

HERE'S HOW TO SUBSCRIBE:

Residents can subscribe by visiting www.iriswds.com and filling out the form or by calling 855-2GO-ZERO (855-246-9376).



Scan to visit our website!



After You Subscribe

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.

Collection Begins

The week after delivery of collection containers, place your storage bucket of food scraps on your porch or doorstep on your scheduled day. Program staff will weigh your bucket each week.

Know Your Impact

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.

Your feedback about the pilot program is always welcome and we will get your feedback by sending participants specific surveys throughout the pilot program.

Program Duration

The pilot program runs through February 2023. After the pilot program concludes, residents can continue to subscribe to 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**

**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, unless subscribing to Swap Out service.
2. Upon subscribing to the program, residents agree to be surveyed **3 times** about their experience and the collection service.

For additional participant expectations and disclaimers, please view the subscription form at www.iriswds.com.

Thank You in Advance for Participating!

Feedback and survey data 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.

Personal information will remain confidential and will never be shared.

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



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