

NYS FOOD DONATION AND FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING LAW

Effective January 1, 2022, the law requires businesses and institutions that generate an annual average of 2 tons of wasted food per week or more to donate excess edible food and recycle all remaining food scraps if they are within 50 miles of an organics recycler. Between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2027 any location that generates an annual average of 1 ton per week will be required to comply with the law. Beginning January 1, 2028 and thereafter the annual average will drop to one-half ton per week. All designated food scrap generators (DFSG) will be required to file an annual report with the NYS DEC.



For information about the department and diversion efforts visit: OntarioCountyRecycles.org

ONTARIO COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS	HAULING SERVICES	RECYCLING SERVICES	PHONE	WEBSITE
Casella Waste Management of NY, Inc	✓		800-CASELLA	https://www.casella.com/services/food-waste-collection
Closed Loop Systems	✓	✓		https://closedloopsys.com/
Finger Lakes Compost LLC	✓	✓	(315) 335-0424	http://fingerlakescompost.com/index.html
Impact Earth Composting	✓	✓	(585) 315-0160	https://www.impactearthroc.com/composting
Natural Upcycling/Noblehurst Farms	✓	✓	(585) 584-3124	http://naturalupcycling.com/
Organix Green Industries, LLC		✓	(585) 781-4897	https://organixsoilamendment.com/
Organix Recycling	✓		(708) 326-3900	https://www.organixrecycling.com/
Vermi-Green, LLC	✓	✓	(585) 289-7267	https://www.vermigreen.com/
Waste Management	✓	✓	(800) 972-4545	https://www.wm.com/us/en

FOOD DONATION ASSISTANCE



DFSGs are required to donate to the maximum extent practicable. Call FeedingNYS at (518) 930-7000 for assistance. FeedingNYS is providing donation technical assistance to businesses and institutions who need help:

- setting up a donation program
- finding a food bank or local food rescue organization to partner with
- understanding food safety practices when donating

Visit: feedingnys.org/food-donation-and-food-scrap-recycling-law/



INTRODUCING RETHINK FOOD WASTE NY — FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE!

The Center for EcoTechnology will provide customized recommendations to reduce the amount of food wasted, create solutions to realize potential monetary savings to your purchasing costs, and assist in implementing food scraps collection and recycling programs.

Learn more about Rethink Food Waste NY and how to get started today at:
www.centerforecotechnology.org/nywasteassistance/

WAIVERS



A DFSG may petition DEC for a one-year waiver to the requirements of the law. The waiver petition and justifications can be found at:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/recycling-composting/organic-materials-management/food-donation-scrap-recycling-law>

ANNUAL REPORT



Businesses and institutions required to comply with the law must electronically submit an annual report form by March 1 each year. Annual reports can be found [here](#). We request that you please save a copy of your report prior to submission and provide the information to our department.

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