

Greening State College

“State College Borough launches food waste collection and composting program.”

In a first of its kind program east of the Mississippi, State College Borough will begin curb-side pickup of food waste along specific streets located within the Greentree, Orchard Park and South Hills Neighborhoods. These particular areas were chosen for the pilot program due to their overwhelming positive response to a recent survey. Composting is a preferable way to dispose of food waste.

This program will evaluate the feasibility of curb-side pickup of food waste and the effectiveness of composting it on a large scale. The program may be expanded to other neighborhoods once the year- long trial is completed.

This pilot project was made possible through an Act 198 Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and supported by State College Borough, Centre County Solid Waste Authority and the Pennsylvania State University.

For additional information please email the Borough at foodwaste@statecollegepa.us and view the brochure on the next page.

Questions?

If you have questions about the collection end of the project, which days you will be collected or where to put your bin, please contact State College Borough by phone at 234-7135, or by email at boro@statecollegepa.us

If you have questions about what to put in the cart, please contact the Centre County Solid Waste Authority by phone at 238-7005, or by e-mail at wasted5@uplink.net.

Thank you for your assistance with bringing food waste collection into fruition!

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Food Waste Collection is as easy as:

1. Place your food waste in your kitchen pail.



2. Transfer your food waste into your new 35 gallon cart. Place your cart at the curb next to your garbage.



3. Your food waste will be diverted from the landfill and used to make quality compost.



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A step-by-step guide to the new food waste pilot project for State College Borough residents



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What is “Greening State College”?

“Greening State College” is a pilot food waste collection program sponsored by State College Borough, Pennsylvania State University, Centre County Solid Waste Authority and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Phase III of “Greening State College” is the collection of food waste and organics from residential areas. Selected households will receive a small kitchen pail as well as a 35 gallon cart.

Residents should store their food waste and organics in the kitchen pail and transfer it into the 35 gallon cart for weekly pick-up. Food waste pick-up will occur on the same day as your trash collection.

All of the food waste collected will be incorporated into State College Borough and Penn State University’s composting programs.

What Should We Put in the Cart?

Below is a list of basic items that may be placed in your 35 gallon cart for collection. Please note that food waste should be stored in your kitchen pail and then transferred to your 35 gallon cart for pick-up at your curb. Borough staff will not collect food waste from the kitchen pails.

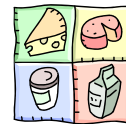
We Would Like:

Fruit & vegetable trimmings
Egg shells
Bread & pasta
Baked goods
Coffee grounds
Coffee filters & tea bags
Paper towels & napkins



We Do Not Want:

Meat
Fish & poultry
Bones
Dairy products
Fatty food waste
Pet waste



Why Should We Participate?

Over 35% of municipal waste generated in Pennsylvania is organic. Much of this organic waste can be utilized as a nitrogen component in area compost operations.

Through collection of organics from area businesses and households, we expect to divert close to 3,000 tons of organic waste from the landfills throughout this pilot project. This saves the equivalent of 25,125 gallons of gasoline and electricity to heat 30.7 homes for one year!

It is inevitable that high waste diversion goals will soon be implemented across the state and projects like “Greening State College”, are one way to get a head start on collecting different materials.

In addition, the organics collected will be transformed into quality compost available for area residents.