

Why your building should join the NYC Organics Collection Program

You've heard how it's good for the planet, but here's what's actually in it for you...

Improved Trash Management

- When organics are separated from other trash, trash volume is reduced by 34% on average, and it no longer smells.
- This reduces the amount of trash hauled by the building staff. Residents who participate are responsible for transferring their organic waste to the organics bin in the trash area/basement. Building staff is responsible only for rolling the bins to the street (and back) on collection days and replacing the liners after collection.

Better Protection From Vermin

- Organics bins are more vermin proof than regular trash bins, because they lock shut, keeping odors and pests at bay. Only creatures with opposable thumbs can open them.
- Organics bins are more vermin proof than plastic bags on the street, where your trash awaits pick-up.

No Downside, Only Upside Once You Join

- Participation is free. The Dept of Sanitation provides the organics collection bin.
- Participation by residents is completely optional. No one is required to 'compost', and there is no penalty for low building participation. So why not enable those who want to participate?
- Participation rates tend to grow over time because participants like it and spread the word. (It improves trash management at home, too!)
- Participation signals a sustainability minded building to potential buyers.
- Food scraps are turned into compost, which is used at Street Tree Care and Giveback events or sold to businesses that turn it into fertilizer. Composting saves NYC the cost of sending it to landfill.

If you are ready to get started, your building manager, superintendent, or board chairperson can sign up at <https://dsny.force.com/curbsidecomposting/s/> or by calling 311. Give it a try!