



## **FREE MULCH AVAILABLE THROUGH TOWN'S FOOD SCRAP PROGRAM**

The Town of Amherst Highway Department – Refuse Division announced that free mulch is available to town residents as part of the [Organic Food Scrap Recycling Program](#). The mulch was created from the organic waste that was collected by residents and dropped off at the Highway Department. Launched in 2019, the Food Scrap program has kept tons of waste out of landfills, reducing the town's costs for disposal.

“The Town has worked diligently over the past several years to educate the community and grow the Food Scrap Program. Organic waste should be treated as a resource instead of as waste. We successfully turned organic materials into a high-quality mulch, which we hope will be used for your vegetable and fruit gardens as we promote an ongoing cycle,” said Deputy Supervisor Shawn Lavin.

Each resident will be allowed to fill up to one 5-gallon bucket (or container of equivalent size). Residents will need to bring their own container, to the Highway Department, 1042 N Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14221. Pick up is available from 7 days per week, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Follow the signs and check in with dispatch.

Additionally, the Town has free kitchen sized food scrap containers available. The goal of these containers is to place them in your kitchen to easily store organic materials, such as vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, cut flowers, and egg and nut shells. Then, when you are ready, the compostable food scraps can be transported to the organic recycling totes at the Highway Department, 7 days per week, from 7a.m. to 3:30 p.m. where they will be composted into mulch. Residents participating in the Organic Food Scrap

Recycling Program need to be mindful of the list of items that are NOT accepted: meat, chicken, or fish; dairy; oil-based foods; animal waste; litter or bedding; coconuts or coconut oil; coal or charcoal; diseased houseplants; and plastic bags. Please note that each fall, the Organic Food Scrap Recycling Program also collects pumpkins, squash and gourds. Residents are encouraged to bring these items to a collection event and avoid placing them in their weekly trash.

Residents can call or email ([refuse@amherst.ny.us](mailto:refuse@amherst.ny.us)) the Office of Refuse Control with any questions or concerns at 716-631-7119.



## TOWN OF AMHERST OFFICE OF REFUSE CONTROL

Amherst Recycling & Solid Waste Committee

# Food Scrap Recycling

Food scrap drop-off stations will be located at the Town of Amherst Highway Department, 1042 N. Forest Rd. Williamsville, NY 14221 from 7am to 3pm, 7 days a week and the Williamsville Farmer's Market 5583 Main St. on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm starting mid-May until late October. Please see the listed materials below that are acceptable, thanks for your help making a difference!

Stop by or email [Foodscrap@amherst.ny.us](mailto:Foodscrap@amherst.ny.us) to sign up and receive a FREE kitchen sized food scrap container!

### Accepted: -:

- Vegetable & Food scraps\*(see list below of what is not accepted)
- Coffee Grounds & Tea Bags
- Cut and or dried flowers or plant materials
- Nut and egg shells
- Compostable bags



**NO:** Meat, chicken, or fish, dairy, oil-based foods, animal waste, litter, or bedding, coconuts or coconut oil, coal, charcoal, diseased houseplants, and plastic bags. Thank you!