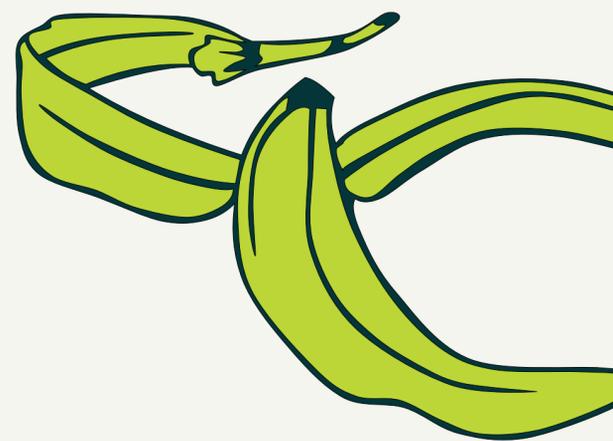


FOOD WASTE FACT SHEET

The EPA estimates that more food (over 76 billion pounds per year) reaches landfills and combustion facilities than any other material in everyday trash, constituting 22% of discarded municipal solid waste.

In 2015, Illinois published a statewide study on the composition of the waste taken to Illinois landfills and found that food scraps (18%), uncoated cardboard (9%) and compostable paper (4%) make up approximately 31% of the waste disposed. Lake County has committed to attaining a 60% landfill diversion goal by 2030, and it is imperative that these materials must be diverted to composting in order to achieve this goal.



**Want to
help?**

**Compost
your food
waste and
scraps!**

Rather than taking up limited space in landfills; food waste can be composted at home or picked up to be composted. Composting can reduce household garbage volume by at least 30%.

Food waste in landfills doesn't just take up space, it causes climate change too. When organic waste like food and yard waste breaks down in a landfill, methane is created. Methane is a greenhouse gas 20 to 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide, and landfills are the 3rd largest contributor of methane in the U.S. By diverting food and organic waste away from landfills to make compost, less methane is released into the atmosphere. So every time you compost, you're helping to combat climate change!

COMPOSTING OPTIONS

Compost is great for gardening and returning nutrients to soil, instead of creating methane in a landfill.

HOME COMPOSTING

– Many types of compost bins. The Earth Machine, a closed bin, is available to LF and LB residents for \$55 (large discount). Call 847-810-3543

– Home composting in an Earth Machine is for yard weeds & leaves AND for kitchen scraps & leftover produce (but not bread, seeds, oily food, meat, dairy).

GROOT SERVICE FOR LB RESIDENTS

– Groot offers service to Village of LB residents -- food waste and scraps (**including leftover grains, pasta, oily scraps**) can be picked up on the first weekly waste pickup (Monday/Tuesday).

– Waste should be packaged in Kraft-type paper bags that do not exceed 32 gallons capacity. A landscape waste cart may also be rented for an annual fee of \$60.00 payable by the resident.

–More info: Lake Bluff Website under Household Waste.

COLLECTIVE RESOURCE

– Collective Resource (a local organization) will also pick up residential (and commercial) food waste (**including leftover grains, pasta, oily scraps**) for any local residents and businesses.

– Weekly pickup is \$10.50, biweekly is \$15.50 and every four weeks is \$20.50. There is no charge for missed pickups.

–More info:

<https://collectiveresource.us/composting-services/>

Visit: www.green-minds.org

WHAT IF I
DON'T WANT
TO COMPOST
IN MY YARD?

