



FOOD SCRAP STOP

RESIDENTIAL FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

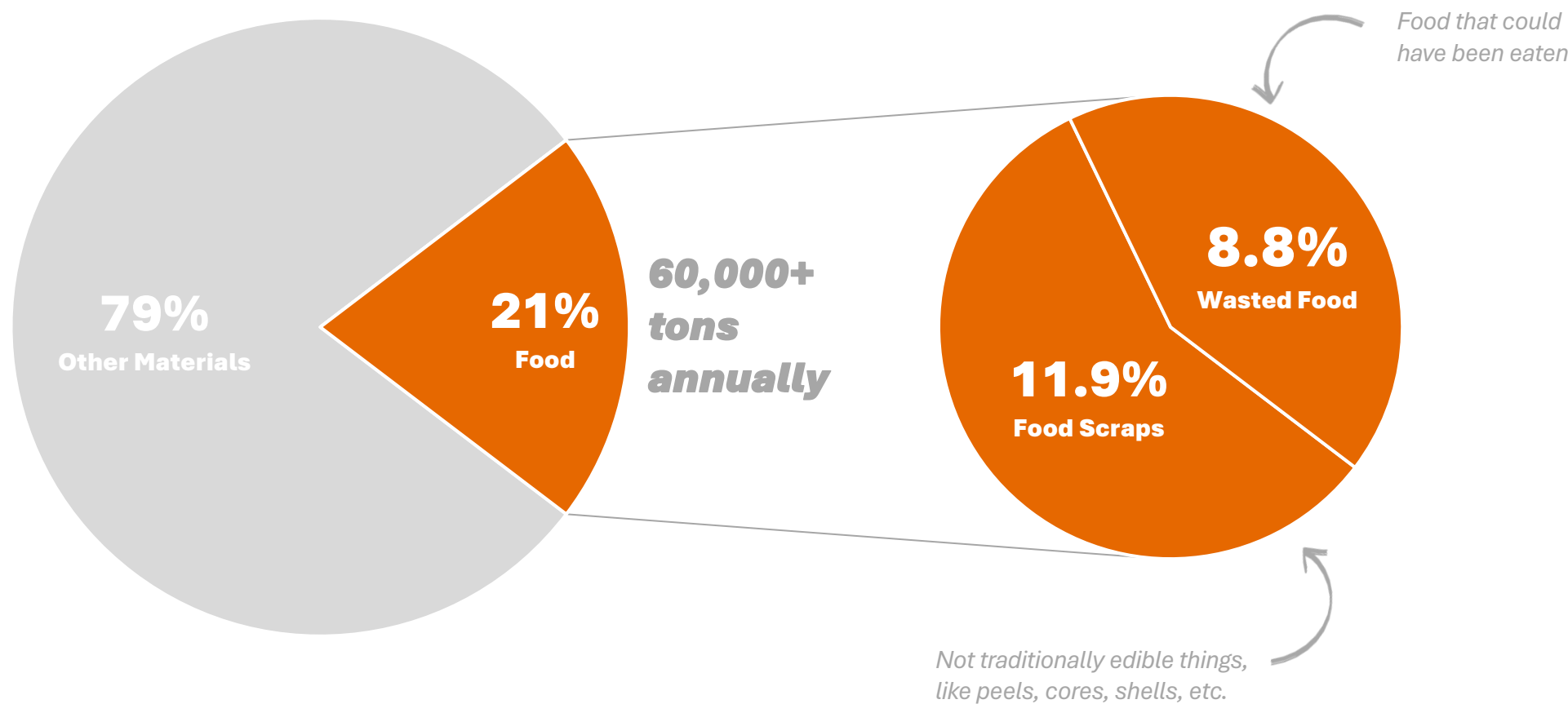


DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
**WASTE +
RENEWABLES**

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FROM KITCHEN TO COMPOST | DE LA COCINA AL COMPOST

FOOD WASTE IN LANDFILLS

Food is the single largest waste stream entering the Dane County Landfill



PROGRAM ORIGINS

In 2024, Dane County W+R was awarded a USDA grant which covered:

- New staff focused on compost programs
- Collection truck to haul food scraps
- Construction of 5 drop off kiosks
- One year of free compost service for 4 partner municipalities
- Bins, bags, marketing materials, and supplies

The Scrap Stop program launched in Dane County in June 2025

The grant period concluded in June 2026, and W+R is continuing the program with paid models for municipal and private sites.



These compost kiosks were designed and constructed in collaboration with the Madison Children's Museum!



SCRAP STOP PARTNERS



PROGRAM GROWTH

12

Public Scrap Stops
around Dane County

3,000

Dane County
residents registered

10

Private businesses
composting with us



In the first year, the program collected
600,000 LBS
of food scraps for composting

This prevented approximately 200 metric tons of carbon emissions, the same environmental impact as burning more than 22,500 gallons of gasoline or driving more than 500,000 miles in a typical gas-powered vehicle.

WHAT WE COMPOST

RESIDENTIAL ACCEPTED | ACEPTABLES

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Raw and cooked fruits & vegetables
—pits, peels, cobs and all



FRUTAS Y VERDURAS

Frutas y verduras crudas y cocidas
—con hueso, cáscara, mazorca y todo

COFFEE & TEA

Grounds or loose tea without filters
or bags



CAFÉ Y TÉ

Té molido o suelto, sin filtros
ni bolsitas

EGGSHELLS

Shells, but not the eggs



CÁSCARAS DE HUEVO

Cáscaras, pero no los huevos

BEANS & NUTS

All beans, seeds, nuts, and shells



FRIJOLE Y SEMILLAS

Todos los frijoles, semillas, frutos
secos y cáscaras

For **lock code access** to the free drop-off,
please register online by using the QR code
or visit landfill.danecounty.gov/compost.



Para acceder al punto de entrega gratuito
que tenga **código de bloqueo**, registrense
en línea usando el código QR o visiten el
sitio landfill.danecounty.gov/compost.

To report issues or for program questions
contact: Waste.Renewables@DaneCounty.Gov

Para preguntas sobre el programa o para reportar un
problema en una estación para desechos de alimentos,
envíen un correo electrónico a
Waste.Renewables@DaneCounty.Gov

Keep **lid closed** when not in use
Replace and **close lock** when finished

Mantengan **la tapa cerrada** cuando no esté en uso
Al terminar vuelvan a colocarla, y **cierren el candado**

NOT ACCEPTED | INACEPTABLES

NO MEAT

No meat, bones, seafood, or
animal products



NADA DE CARNES

Nada de carne, huesos, mariscos
ni productos animales

NO DAIRY OR EGGS

No cheese, cream, yogurt, or other dairy
and egg products



NADA DE LÁCTEOS O HUEVOS

Nada de queso, crema, yogur, productos
lácteos ni productos con huevo

NO BREADS OR BAKED GOODS

No breads, pastas, baked goods,
or candies



NADA DE PAN O PRODUCTOS HORNEADOS

Nada de pan, pastas, productos horneados ni dulces

NO LIQUIDS

No milk, coffee, juices, sauces, fats, oils,
greases, or waxes



NADA DE LÍQUIDOS

Nada de leche, café, jugos, salsas, grasas,
aceites ni ceras

NO PAPER*

No paper, napkins, tissues, pizza boxes,
parchment, wax paper, or cardboard
(*paper bags for collecting food scraps
are an allowed exception)



NADA DE PAPEL*

Nada de papel, servilletas, pañuelos desechables,
cajas de pizza, papel pergamino, papel encerado ni
cartón (*las bolsas de papel para disponer de restos
de comida son una excepción permitida)

NO INORGANICS OR HAZARDS

No plastic, metal, or Styrofoam
(inorganics), or glass, sharps, chemicals,
animal waste, or litter (hazards)



NADA DE MATERIALES INORGÁNICOS O PELIGROSOS

Nada de plástico, metal o poliestireno (materiales
inorgánicos), tampoco vidrio, objetos punzantes,
productos químicos, desechos animales ni basura
(materiales peligrosos)

NO PACKAGING

No produce stickers, twist ties, staples,
rubber bands, food service products, or
"compostable/biodegradable" items



NADA DE ENVASES

Nada de etiquetas para productos agrícolas, lazos de
torsión, grapas, elásticos, productos de servicios
alimentarios ni artículos "compostables/biodegradables"

HOW IT WORKS



W+R contracts with local composter, Purple Cow Organics, to compost all collected food scraps



Food scraps are collected, hauled, and scaled at the Dane County landfill.



Food scraps are transported to Purple Cow Organics.



The food scraps are mixed with yard waste and wood chips in concrete bunkers.



The mixed materials are then formed into piles called 'windrows' where organic processes with convert the materials to compost.



Finished compost is screened, removing large particles, and mixed into a soil amendment for sale.

DROP OFF SITE OPTIONS



KIOSK

- Fits eight (8) 65-gal carts
- Constructed by Madison Children's Museum
 - W+R would facilitate
- Total cost = \$15,790



BANNER

- No limit on number of carts
- Banner = \$115
- Pamphlet holders = \$32
- Sign holders = \$24
- New site startup costs covered up to \$300



PRICING TIERS



- For locations with 100-400 registered residents
- Roughly 1,000-2,000lbs per week
- Serviced weekly year-round
- Cost is inclusive of labor, monthly reporting, outreach, and all consumables

Total annual cost: \$5,300

Future years- pricing is subject to increases no greater than the Midwest Consumer Price Index Services provided



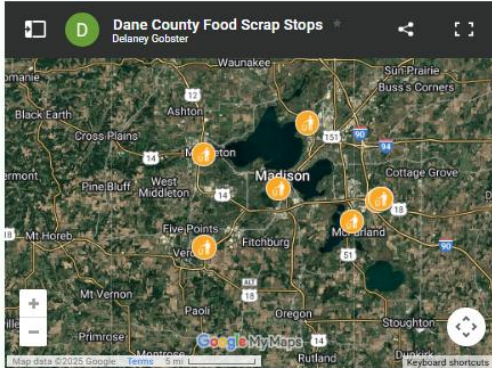
- For locations with more than 400 registered residents
- Roughly 2,000-4,000lbs per week
- Serviced weekly year-round
- Cost is inclusive of labor, monthly reporting, outreach, and all consumables

Total annual cost: \$7,700

Future years- pricing is subject to increases no greater than the Midwest Consumer Price Index Services provided

PROGRAM ADMIN

Resident Food Scrap Drop-Offs



In partnership with host municipalities, the Dane County Department of Waste + Renewables is collecting food scraps from FREE residential drop-off locations across Dane County for composting at Purple Cow Organics.

24/7 community drop-off locations in Madison, Middleton, and McFarland will launch June 1, 2025 with a Verona area drop off launching August 1, 2025. To register for the free program and receive the cart combination lock code, please review the accepted items and fill out the Resident Registration Form linked below.

The Dane County Landfill's resident food scrap drop-off is OPEN NOW, see location details for site hours and directions.



FREE Residential Food Scrap Drop-Off



Address: 7020 Maahic Way, Madison
Primary Phone: (608) 206-0952
Landfill Phone: (608) 838-9555
Hours: M-F: 6:30am-3:15pm | Sat 8:00am-10:45am

W+R manages:

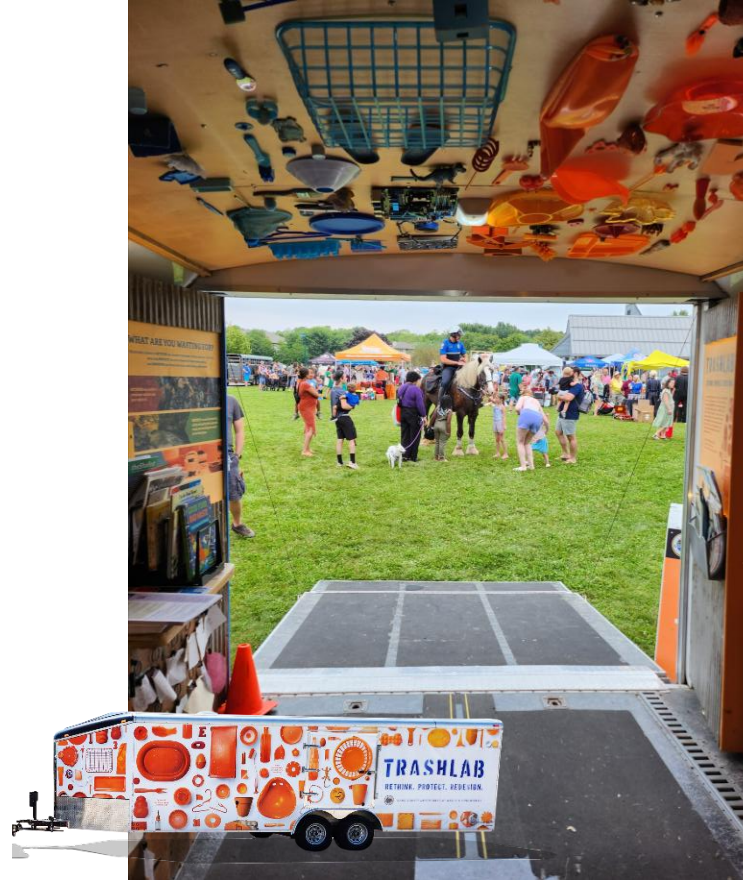
- Siting assistance and set up
- Program registration and resident questions
- Collection, hauling, and replacement of compostable liners
- Marketing, including on County website, kiosk/ banner, and pamphlet handouts
- Contaminant management and communications
- Data tracking, reporting and invoicing

Site host manages:

- Site selection and preparation
- Clearing area around bins of snow and debris
- Payment for services

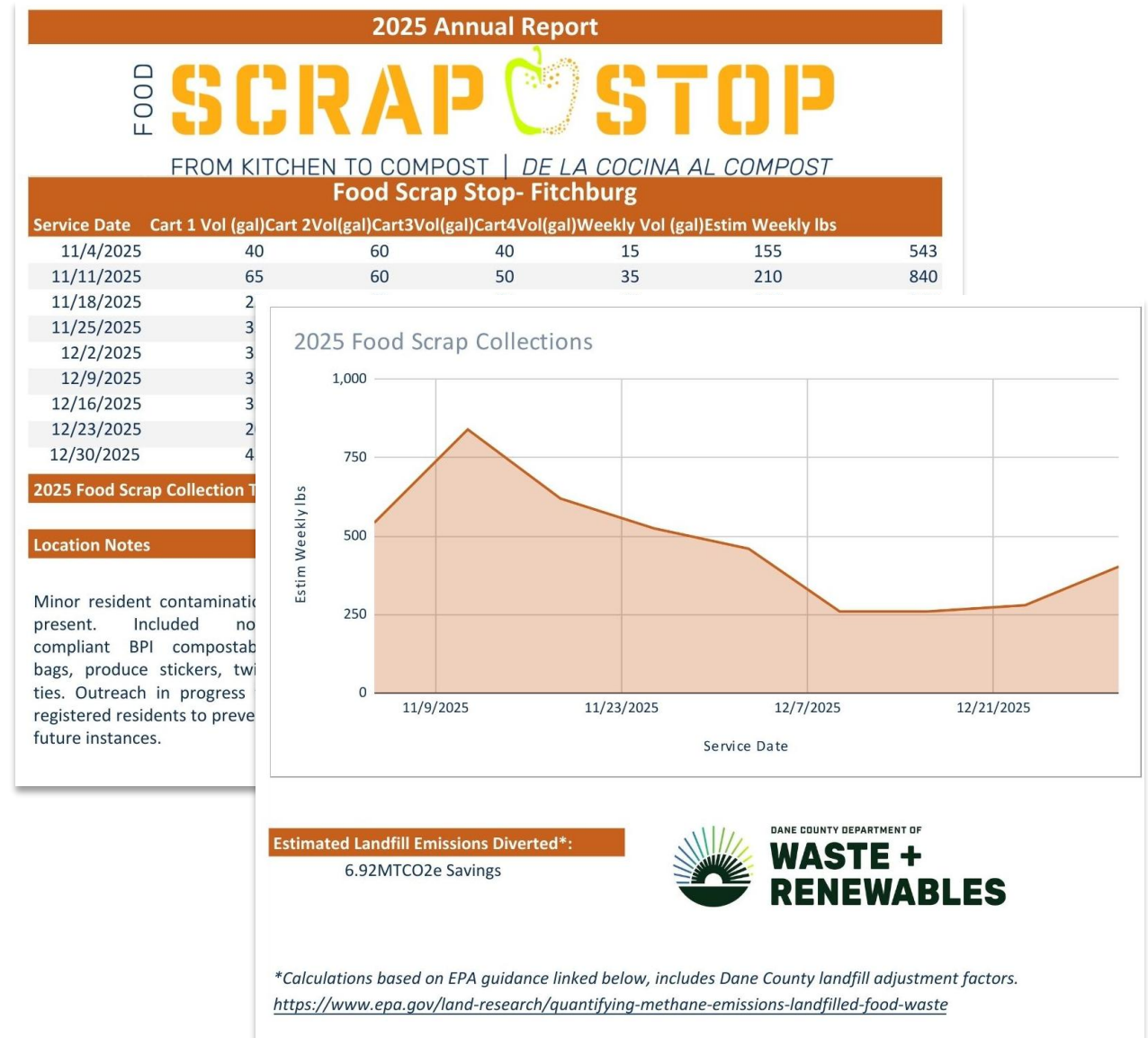
SERVICE + OUTREACH

- No-cost kick off event with the Dane County Trash Lab
 - Distribute program outreach materials to area participants
 - Support resident registration and program understanding
 - Program staff Q&A
- Ongoing email, call/ text, support for participants
- Biannual resident email newsletters



REPORTING

- Municipality coordinators receive monthly + annual engagement reports
- Reports provide updates on:
 - Volume collected from each cart each week
 - Total volume collected over time
 - Registrations at your site
 - Any issues with contamination
 - Emissions prevented through composting the food scraps collected at your location



THANK YOU!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL:

waste.renewables@danecounty.gov

<https://landfill.danecounty.gov/compost>



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