

SWALCO and Lake County Celebrate

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) May 7-13, 2017

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry. It is celebrated nationwide and in other countries each year during the first full week of May.

The goal of the program is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost to improve or maintain high quality soil, to grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, improve water quality and protect the environment.

The theme for this year is **Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food.**



So what can you do to get involved in Lake County?
See the program information on the other side of this flyer

LAKE COUNTY'S FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING OPTIONS

Residents in the following towns can mix food scraps (see guidelines below) with yard waste for collection at the curb by the hauler during the yard waste collection season, typically April through November. The Village of Lake Bluff and City of Highwood have year-round programs for all residents. Residents of North Barrington can enroll in a year-round program for an additional fee.

Bannockburn	Grayslake	Highwood	Mundelein	Riverwoods
Deer Park	Hawthorn Woods	Island Lake	North Barrington	Tower Lakes
Fox Lake	Highland Park	Lake Bluff	Port Barrington	Volo

Lake County also has two drop-off locations that accept food scraps at no charge:

- Grayslake Drop-off – 585 Berry Avenue, Grayslake, Hours: M-F, 7 am to 3:30 pm, Sat., 8 am to noon
- Prairieland Disposal – 21988 N. Pepper Road, Lake Barrington, Hours: M-F, 8 am to 5 pm, Sat., 8:30 am to noon

HOW TO COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS & TIPS TO REDUCE ODORS & PESTS

1. Collect scraps in your kitchen collector. Do not use plastic or biodegradable bags to line your collector, use paper towels or newspaper instead.
2. Empty food scraps into a rigid yard waste container, you may want to line your container with a Kraft bag to help keep it clean.
3. Set out your rigid container at the curb on regular yard waste collection day or take to one of the drop-off locations listed above.

Tips to reduce odors and pests: empty kitchen collector frequently, rinse after use (with vinegar or dish soap), sprinkle with baking soda, and keep container closed.

WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED? See the list below for general guidelines, please contact your town or local hauler for your specific guidelines.



YES

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Bread, grains, pasta, & cereal
- Eggshells
- Dairy (no liquids) - Cottage cheese, yogurt, butter, sour cream
- Leftovers/ kitchen scraps
- Meat, poultry & seafood including shells & bones
- Coffee grounds, filters & tea leaves/bags
- Paper products - soiled paper towels, napkins, plates & pizza boxes
- Grass cuttings, sod & weeds
- Leaves, prunings & garden waste
- Tree trimmings less than 4" in diameter



NO

- Glass, metal or Styrofoam
- No plastic bags or plastic of any kind
- Liquids, grease or oil
- Garbage
- Diapers or pet litter
- Rubber bands & twist ties
- Soil, rocks, brick or cement

