

City-wide Recycling of Kitchen Waste

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Recycling makes your living environment better!



Kitchen Waste Recycling Hotline:

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Department of Environmental Protection, Taipei City Government http://www.dep.taipei.gov.tw Means of pick-up: DEP Kitchen waste will be collected in separate bins for "Pig Feed Scraps," and " Compost Scraps, " Please separate kitchen waste that is suitable for pig feed from that which is suitable for compost and put it in the appropriate bin of the refuse truck.

(1)Pig Feed Scraps:

Foods suitable for pig feed include, scraps from meals, such as rice, noodles, fish and meat, internal organs, fresh or cooked food, and other left over food. Be sure to remove wrapping, plastic bags, polyurethane (foam box), and do not include any spoiled, spicy or odorous food.



(2)Compost Scraps:

Foods not suitable for composting include rough vegetable leaves, uncooked roots, fruit waste, tea waste, coffee waste, shells or nuts, fallen leaves, flower petals or stems, etc. [coconut and durian shell are not included, they should be packed and recycled]



Collecting kitchen waste and suitable containers.

Please get them dried first, and use self-prepared container when possible and avoid using plastic bags.



When and where to dispose of kitchen waste:

Kitchen waste is to be collected at the same time and place as household refuse is collected.



Penalties will be imposed for mixing refuse with kitchen waste:

Fines of NTS1,200 to 6,000 may be imposed.



From December 26, 2003 to February 25, 2004, those who mix garbage with kitchen waste, and dispose of it in the DEP kitchen waste tank, will be fined for offenses incurred after a warning. Fines can be imposed without warning from February 26, 2004.



O&A:

Why should kitchen waste be recovered?

(1)Refuse Reduction:

Garbage is a major environmental problem for many reasons, such as: difficulty in locating garbage disposal sites and the high costs of disposal. Reducing refuse equals reducing land use for disposal sites and reducing costs of garbage collection; it also makes our environment better

(2) Recycling Kitchen Waste:

Pig Feed: Kitchen waste, such as some household foods, contain nutrients which can be utilized by pigs. The recycled food can supply nutrients to pigs as well as economize feed costs. Compost Scraps: Kitchen waste that is not appropriate for pig feed can be separated out for compost. Kitchen waste itself is organic and, when recycled as composts, can then be used as fertilizer to improve soil quality of farmland.

Why should kitchen waste be dried first?

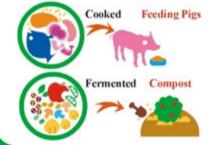
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Why is kitchen waste divided into "Pig Feed Scraps, " and "Compost Scraps?"

In general, household foods such as rice, raw meat, fish, shrimp, and other leftover food, contains high levels of nutrients that can benefit pigs. Some household foods are not suitable for pig feed and these include fruits or vegetables with rough fibers such as corn husks, corn cobs, Pomelo peels, shells or nuts. These food scraps are separated for the purpose of composting, also giving them recycling value!



Which items are absolutely forbidden to put into the waste food recycle bin?

Plastic bags, polyurethane, drugs, glass, metal, batteries, toothpicks, chopsticks, spoons, seasoning packs, drying agents, bowl/dish fragments, branches, trunks, other garbage not defined as kitchen waste.



How can citizens reduce kitchen waste?

Citizens can establish and maintain the concept that, one should not waste food. When having meals at home, "cook just enough food as needed;don't waste food," and , while having dinner at a restaurant, "do not order excess food;don't waste food." This will help reduce kitchen waste in restaurants and food stalls.

Take only enough food for your requirement, do not waste food!



How can snack shops, and food stalls, (marketplaces not included) cooperate to recycle kitchen waste?

Snack shops and food stalls, producing less than 30kgs of garbage (including kitchen waste) can deliver their kitchen waste to the DEP for recycling by (matching sort-up) If the volume is more than the standard, they must dispose of the waste themselves or subcontract to a legitimate contractor for disposal or recycling in accordance with the law(such as a waste disposal organization, pig feed supply, or compost yard).

