



## City-wide Recycling of Kitchen Waste

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Recycling makes your living  
environment better!



Kitchen Waste Recycling Hotline:

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<http://www.dep.taipei.gov.tw>



## Collecting kitchen waste and suitable containers.

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

### Compost



### Pig Feed Scraps



## 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.

## DEP Truck



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.

**Separate waste  
from  
garbage and avoid  
a fine!**



## Q&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?

To prevent unpleasant odor and sewage polluting the ground and what's more too much moisture content is not advantageous for composting.

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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!



**Cooked**

**Feeding Pigs**



**Fermented**

**Compost**



## 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).

