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Mayor Brown, City Of Buffalo Sponsor Food Scrap Recycling Program



BUFFALO– Today, Mayor Byron W. Brown announced that the City of Buffalo, in partnership with the Massachusetts Avenue Project, will sponsor a Food Scraps Recycling Pilot Program in the months of June and July.

The two-month food scrap collection will be from June 6 – July 25, 2018 (except July 4th) on Wednesdays from 4-6pm @ M.A.P. Farm Stand on Massachusetts Avenue Park, between Brayton Street and Shields Avenue.

Food scraps are a large portion of our waste stream and the ability to process food scraps locally can lead to opportunities to increase recycling rates and allow the City to become cleaner and healthier. The creation of compost,

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a natural healthy fertilizer, can be useful for our community parks, gardens, and trees, instead of being sent to landfill.

"This is a safe, smart, and free way of disposing of food scraps that will be turned into valuable compost", said Mayor Brown. "I thank residents for continuing to recycle more and encourage them to participate in this next phase of our 34andMore Buffalo Recycles program."

Acceptable material:

Vegetable & fruit scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, cut or dried flowers, nut & egg shells

Unaccepted material:

Meat, chicken, fish, greasy & oily food, dairy, animal waste, litter or bedding, coal or charcoal, coconuts, diseased or insect-infested houseplants, or biodegradable /compostable plastics

Residents can collect and place food scraps within reusable plastic containers such as large yogurt bins, Tupperware containers, commercially available compost pails, milk cartons, or in paper or plastic bags. They are being encouraged to store food scraps for a maximum of one week. For odor reduction, store items within freezer or refrigerator, and add a layer of shredded newspaper to the bottom of the container. All food scraps collected will be transported by the City of Buffalo to the Buffalo River Compost.

All items will be disposed or recycled in a responsible and environmentally safe manner. For more information, please call 311 or 851-4890 or visit www.buffalorecycles.org.

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