

# Composting Your Food Scraps is Important

**It's good for the environment, it's easy, and it's the law!**

- When food waste goes to the landfill, it produces methane — a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.
- In Seattle, we collect food waste to make compost — a nutrient-rich soil used in local parks and gardens. Composting helps reduce the negative environmental impacts of food waste.

## FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS

**1**  
Use **ANY** reusable container to collect food scraps



SPU provided food scraps container

ANY container you have handy at home

**2**  
Place food scraps into the compost cart at your building



**3**  
Wash your food scraps container & use it again!



**Keep Plastic and Pet Waste Out of the Compost!**

### Need More Help?

- Ask your property manager for a food scraps container, they can request them by calling **(206) 684-8717** or emailing **AskEvelyn@seattle.gov**
- Compostable bags may make it easier to collect food scraps. Make sure they are clearly labeled with the word **COMPOSTABLE**
- If your building doesn't have a compost cart, ask your property manager about it. You can request help at **bit.ly/requestbins**



### How to Reduce Odors

- Take out your food scraps every couple of days
- Put a lid on the container
- Sprinkle baking soda on top of food scraps
- Store compost container in fridge or freezer