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Mill Creek Residents Can Compost Food Scraps in Curbside Cart

Mill Creek residents now have an opportunity to include food scraps with yard waste, provided they have an organics cart. The new pilot program provides added service at no additional cost and participation is voluntary.

Save Money

If you live in Mill Creek and already subscribe to the two-cart service (trash and recycling cart), **you can upgrade to a flat rate three-cart service** (trash, recycling & yard waste cart) **for just \$2.60 per month - less than the cost of one sticker (\$2.85)! [See cost chart](#)**. Nearly 1500 homes already have the two-cart service. If you are one of those households, getting a yard waste cart will save you money and enable you to join in the food scrap composting program! The yard waste carts are 64 gallon carts and hold the equivalent of two Kraft-bags-full of material. That means, if you fill it and place it out weekly, you save as much as \$25 per month!

For more information, see [here](#). And to upgrade to a three cart service and get started composting, contact Advanced Disposal at BataviaIL@AdvancedDisposal.com or 630-587-8282.

Why Mill Creek?

The Kane County Division of Environmental & Water Resources negotiates the hauler contract for the curbside trash, recycling, and yard waste collection program in the Mill Creek SSA to secure the lowest prices for residents and ensure quality services. This pilot is a great opportunity to start a program in Kane County.

The food scrap composting pilot was approved by the County Board on May 9th, 2017. This makes Mill Creek the 23rd community in the Chicago region to participate in residential food scrap composting. Like many of the other communities that have the same sort of “ride-along” program, residents will be able to separate their food scraps from their garbage and layer them in with yard waste in the organics carts, where they ride along to the compost processing facility.

This added ride-along service is being offered by Advanced Disposal for no added cost. It will not increase traffic or cause any other issues, as the same truck that is picking up yard waste will be collecting the added food scrap. And the food scrap is the same material as always, just in a different cart!

Residents who have an organics/yard waste cart will be allowed to simply layer the food scraps with the yard waste during the collection season - April through November. Advanced Disposal will deliver the material to Compost Supply, a permitted compost processing facility, where it will be turned into compost.

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