

GREEN INITIATIVE

Food Scrap program for the Village of Richmond



- Prairieland Disposal's environmental stewardship program efforts include One-Pass Trucks. Collecting two materials in one truck decreases the amount of fuel and energy used by 50%, as well as reducing traffic and emissions on roadways and in neighborhoods also by 50%.
- Prairieland Disposal is a firm believer in recycling animal manure and bedding, which is beneficial for our environment (protecting water quality, killing parasites, and reducing odor)
- Our yard waste/leaf and food scraps program helps increase the diversion of organic materials from landfill disposal for beneficial uses such as compost. Both food scraps and yard waste will be collected together, including dog waste and used kitty litter, from April 1st-November 30th. Food scraps are accepted at our drop off in Lake Barrington year-round.
- All organic materials are collected curbside and taken to a state-licensed compost facility where they are processed into compost and different types of mulches.
- Prairieland Disposal takes pride in being honest and cost effective while maintaining our reputation as stewards of the environment. 68% of the residential and commercial waste we collect is recycled.
- We fuel our trucks with the environment in mind by choosing Bio-Diesel.
- Did you know that each American throws away an average of 1.3 pounds of food scraps every day? Each year, residents in Illinois generate enough food scraps to pile on a football field over a half-mile high! Food waste generated by all households in the United States could be piled on a football field more than 15 miles high.
- The top two portions of the U.S. waste stream (paper and yard waste) have been successfully diverted from landfills through recycling and composting efforts, with recovery rates of 50% and 62%, respectively. Paling in comparison, the food scrap recovery rate is less than 3%.
- Prairieland Disposal is an innovative company exploring ways to reduced pollution and encourage alternative methods of waste management, such as recycling. Prairieland's food scrap management programs are being implemented at the local level (business locations, etc.), which help to reduce the tonnage of waste dumped in our landfills. Implementing Prairieland's food scrap program helps you efficiently run your food service operations, save money, and reduce disposal costs. We can accomplish huge goals through our program such as composting—convert food scraps into nutrient-rich soil amendment, which is great for our environment as well as our community!
- Please take advantage of this program that is offered in your village. Benefits of the program include only taking a moment to move one product to a different container.

- Please reduce, recycle, and reuse to protect your environment, and to conserve your natural resources for a more beautiful Village of Richmond.
- We also offer recycling materials drop-off at our Prairieland office. Our location is at
21N988 Pepper Rd, Lake Barrington IL 60010
(Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm and Sat 8am-12pm)

Items that are accepted are:

- Batteries: car, rechargeable (such as hand-held tool batteries), and dry cell
- Cardboard and comingled recyclables including paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass
- E-scrap materials, including computers, TV's, and electronics (anything with a cord)
- Appliances/white goods are accepted for free drop-off (appliances are recycled)
- Gym shoes, textiles, and clothing are also accepted for drop-off and will be recycled

Any questions regarding programs or recycling? Please call us at 847/381-9300 during business hours and we will happy to assist you.

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world” –Gandhi

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