

Letters from Residents to Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Manager and Ellen Silver, Chair of CFTE in support of Village Food Scraps Pick-up

Hi VOM:

I'd like to express my interest in having food scraps picked up as part of our sanitation. I've been composting with the bins since inception...it's been a great way to help with less garbage and also making live soil. I love picking up new compost every spring and adding it to my garden. Having the scraps pickup up curbside would be a great benefit and use of our tax dollars. Please consider this!

Warmly, Danielle

Danielle Seltzer

Hello,

I have been using ASAP scraps to pick up my food scraps for composting and was disappointed to hear that they will no longer be providing this service. I would like to request that the Village of Mamaroneck start a program to do municipal food scrap pick ups as it will make a big impact on our environment and I'm sure many more families would participate. It is difficult for families with 2 working parents to find time to take the compost to drop off during working hours and the limited hours on Saturday. I know that Scarsdale has already been successfully running such a program for a couple of years. I hope that we can do it as well and decrease the burden in our landfills and help save our environment.

Thank you very much for your consideration,
Ritika Arora
601 Brook St.

Hello,

My name is Emily Durand. I'm writing to encourage (and I hope inspire) you to create a municipal food scrap pick up program. My family and I moved to the Village about a year and a half ago, and one of the selling features for me was actually the food scrap program and the industrious young people willing to pick it up for me. I grew up in a small town in Canada, where my family had maintained a compost pile all year long (yes, I remember having to put on my boots and trudge through the snow to put the days scraps out in the container). When I went to university in Kingston Ontario, the city required that food scraps be separated and were picked up for composting. Not only did this create useful, healthy compost, but it significantly decreased what was sent to turn into methane in a landfill.

According to the EPA, food takes up more space in US landfills than anything else. We each throw away roughly 219lbs per person annually. In the landfill environment food waste decays into greenhouse gases which contribute to global warming instead of being converted into something healthy we can give back to our land.

I spend a lot of time talking to my kids about not wasting our resources, and caring for our planet. I really hope that you'll consider establishing a municipal pick up program. I know we'll be out there encouraging all of our neighbours to participate!

Emily Durand
575 Shore Acres Dr

Hi Ms. Silver and Mr. Barberio -

I hope this email finds you well, and that you enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving. I am a member of the great ASAP food scraps program, and have just learned that they will be ceasing operations.

As a new resident of Mamaroneck a few years ago, I found myself driving over to drop off my foodscraps, frequently soiling my car (and myself) in the process. I knew there had to be a better solution, and that is when I found ASAP scraps. I am so impressed with the ingenuity and resourcefulness these young people have demonstrated, and I am most hopeful that we can continue their efforts without backsliding into people tossing food into the landfill because they can't be bothered to make the trip to the sanitation department. Or, find it difficult to do so during the hours of operation, which I encountered many times.

We are a community who has experienced firsthand the environmental impacts that can come from overuse and overreliance of landfills. I hope we can move together to a point of making composting second nature, and easy to do.

I would like to see the Village consider one of the following:

- 1) Add compost/food scrap pickups to regular sanitation routes
- 2) Replace one garbage pickup day with one food scrap day
- 3) Provide bins in communal areas that the sanitation dept can remove, if door to door stops are too much. Florence park comes to mind, as there are many of us in the vicinity that are reliant on the work of ASAP scraps.

Whatever the solution, I hope that we can build upon what has been started, rather than scrapping it completely.

Thanks,
Hillary

Dear Mr Barberio,

I was saddened to learn the ASAP Scraps program is going away, but this may be a perfect opportunity for the Village to step up and do food waste pick up. It would encourage greater participation in the Village.

We moved to the Village four years ago from Seattle, where they combined food scraps and yard waste compost pick-up. Perhaps the Village could follow a similar model. Even if the service were offered every other week, I think it could increase participation.

Thank you for listening, and I hope you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Alex Hendler
707 Forest Avenue

Hi Ellen!

I just saw that the composting/food recycling program is ending. I love this program so much - is there any way to roll it over to the town?

Hope you're well - happy Thanksgiving!

Cheers

Ingrid

Hi,

My family and I are residents of the Village of Mamaroneck.

We've been very fortunate to have a group of high school students take on the collection of food waste for our village. Unfortunately - but understandably - the high school students are not able to keep up the business. I've seen them driving in their parents' sedans and can only imagine what a mess is being created inside the car!

It is time for the Village to take on the responsibility of collecting food waste.

1. Many municipalities around the country - some as local as Scarsdale - are already doing this. It is not an extreme practice.
2. Many, many residents participate in the composting program already and will be thrilled to see the village offer this service. Additional residents will also be able to easily join the program if the village offers pickup as a municipal service. While the high school kids were wonderful, it was not as seamless as having municipal waste pick-up.
3. The Village could replace one of the trash pickups with a food waste pickup. When people have compost pick-up from the town, it is easy to switch to once a week trash pickup and once a week compost pickup.
4. Composting food waste is necessary for the long-term health of our planet and livability of our village. We cannot survive without taking control of climate change. The town has already seen the impact of extreme weather. Let's do something now while we have the chance. Many other municipalities are adding compost pickup. It makes sense and is the right thing to do.

As the high school students are winding down, I truly hope that the village will pick-up the service.

Best,
Katy Romita

To the Village Manager, the Mayor, and the Board of Trustees:

We are writing to request that the Village begin municipal collection of food scraps when ASAP ceases operation.

Thank you for your consideration,

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