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## NYC Compost Project Hosted by Earth Matter Launches a Public Food Scrap Drop Off at GrowNYC's Bowling Green Greenmarket

New Yorkers can now bring their food scraps to GrowNYC's [Bowling Green Greenmarket](#) Tuesdays 8 am - 10 am for collection and processing at Earth Matter's Compost Learning Center.

**New York, NY:** Earth Matter NY Inc. today announced the opening of a new public food scrap drop off bin for New York City residents to recycle their food scraps. This public food scrap drop off offers New Yorkers a way to recycle their food scraps locally; helping to mitigate climate change.

Funding to open this drop-off site and other food scrap drop off sites arrived in late June, when the NYC Department of Sanitation received \$2.8 million to reactivate the NYC Compost Project. Earth Matter NY Inc is one of DSNY's eight community partners that will utilize this funding to operate mid-scale compost educational facilities, provide support to some small compost sites, and reopen some local food scrap drop-off sites throughout all five boroughs.

"It's great news that the Bowling Green drop off for food scraps is back," said Jessica Lappin, President of the Alliance for Downtown New York. "Committing to composting is an important part of reducing our waste stream and building back a better, healthier New York."

"Community composting is an empowering and inclusive way for all New Yorkers to participate in reducing food waste and protecting our Earth. As many continue working from home due to the pandemic, the importance of composting our food scraps and other organic materials has only risen. After successfully fighting to restore funding for community composting, I am proud to stand with Earth Matter to unveil their newest public food scrap drop off location at the Bowling Green Greenmarket," said Council Member Margaret S. Chin.

### Features and benefits of composting

- Reduce your waste to landfills that pollute underserved neighborhoods, and other peoples' back yards
- Feel empowered that what you do makes a difference and impacts our legacy for the next generation
- Contribute to creating a superior soil amendment to nurture our green spaces

This food scrap drop off will be available starting Tuesday, October 20, 2020. For more information about drop-off composting in NYC, visit: [nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps](https://nyc.gov/dropfoodscraps).

### About the New York City Compost Project

The NYC Compost Project, created by the NYC Department of Sanitation in 1993, works to rebuild NYC's soils by providing New Yorkers with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to produce and use compost locally. NYC Compost Project programs are carried out by teams of DSNY-funded staff at seven partner organizations: Big Reuse, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Earth Matter NY, LES Ecology Center, The New York Botanical Garden, Queens Botanical Garden, and Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden.

**Earth Matter NY** is an 11 year old 501c3 whose home base is on Governors Island. We host an educational Compost Learning Center and "farm to table" demonstration farm where we have a flock of chickens who help us process over 750 tons of organics annually. We also tend a Lavender Field, which is open always for you to come by and sense the healing powers of these plants, nurtured by our soil and amazing volunteers.