

## Questions?

If you have questions about the collection end of the project, which days you will be collected or where to put your bin, please contact State College Borough by phone at 234-7135, or by email at [boro@statecollegepa.us](mailto:boro@statecollegepa.us)

If you have questions about what to put in the cart, please contact the Centre County Solid Waste Authority by phone at 238-7005, or by e-mail at [wasted5@uplink.net](mailto:wasted5@uplink.net).

Thank you for your assistance with bringing food waste collection into fruition!

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## Food Waste Collection is as easy as:

1. Place your food waste in your kitchen pail.



2. Transfer your food waste into your new 35 gallon cart. Place your cart at the curb next to your garbage.



3. Your food waste will be diverted from the landfill and used to make quality compost.



## Greening

## State College

A step-by-step guide to the new food waste pilot project for State College Borough residents



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State College Borough  
Pennsylvania State University  
Centre County Solid Waste Authority  
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## What is “Greening State College”?

“Greening State College” is a pilot food waste collection program sponsored by State College Borough, Pennsylvania State University, Centre County Solid Waste Authority and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Phase III of “Greening State College” is the collection of food waste and organics from residential areas. Selected households will receive a small kitchen pail as well as a 35 gallon cart.

Residents should store their food waste and organics in the kitchen pail and transfer it into the 35 gallon cart for weekly pick-up. Food waste pick-up will occur on the same day as your trash collection.

All of the food waste collected will be incorporated into State College Borough and Penn State University’s composting programs.

## What Should We Put in the Cart?

Below is a list of basic items that may be placed in your 35 gallon cart for collection. Please note that food waste should be stored in your kitchen pail and then transferred to your 35 gallon cart for pick-up at your curb. Borough staff will not collect food waste from the kitchen pails.

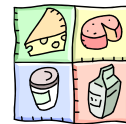
### We Would Like:

Fruit & vegetable trimmings  
Egg shells  
Bread & pasta  
Baked goods  
Coffee grounds  
Coffee filters & tea bags  
Paper towels & napkins



### We Do Not Want:

Meat  
Fish & poultry  
Bones  
Dairy products  
Fatty food waste  
Pet waste



## Why Should We Participate?

Over 35% of municipal waste generated in Pennsylvania is organic. Much of this organic waste can be utilized as a nitrogen component in area compost operations.

Through collection of organics from area businesses and households, we expect to divert close to 3,000 tons of organic waste from the landfills throughout this pilot project. This saves the equivalent of 25,125 gallons of gasoline and *electricity* to heat 30.7 homes for one year!

It is inevitable that high waste diversion goals will soon be implemented across the state and projects like “Greening State College”, are one way to get a head start on collecting different materials.

In addition, the organics collected will be transformed into quality compost available for area residents.