



Green Seed of the Week

A weekly sustainability tip for our Q300 Community

Set aside your food scraps for composting.

Separating food scraps for composting instead of disposing them in the trash is easy. Visit <https://on.nyc.gov/3loHmv7> to find a NYC Food Scrap Drop-Off Site near you. Or visit [SmartCompost.nyc](https://www.smartcompost.nyc.gov/) for residential drop-offs in Astoria.

PS17 will also be hosting a weekly Food Scrap Drop-off in conjunction with the Queens Botanical Garden at the Lower Division. *Tip in a Tip:* You can freeze your food scraps until you have time to drop them off!

Food waste in landfills is one of the largest sources of methane emissions. Methane gas is 80x more potent than CO₂ in warming the atmosphere. When food is kept out of landfills and composted, it organically decomposes into nutrient-rich soil that can be used for planting and growing. A real win-win!

Reduction Meter - This week's tip benefits our planet and ourselves by reducing:



Waste



Transport Pollution



Land Use & Degradation



Air Pollution