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## Boston to collect food scrap drop-offs to convert into compost

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Three farmers' markets in Boston will start collecting food scraps this month and convert them into compost as part of a pilot program, city officials announced.

From August through October, food scraps can be dropped off at a variety of locations and times, including: Thursdays from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bowdoin-Geneva farmers' market at 230 Bowdoin St. in Dorchester; Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Harvard-Allston farmers' market at 168 Western Ave. in Allston; or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Egleston Square farmers' market at 45 Brookside Ave. in Jamaica Plain, the announcement said.

Items that will be accepted include: fruit and vegetable scraps; non-greasy food scraps, including rice, pasta, bread, and cereal; coffee grounds and filters; tea bags; egg and nut shells; pits; cut or dried flowers; houseplants; and potting soil, officials said.

Items that will not be accepted include: meat; chicken; fish; greasy food scraps; fat; oil; dairy; animal waste; litter or bedding; coal or charcoal; coconuts; and infested plants or soil.

The "Residential Compost Pilot" is sponsored by the city's Greenovate Boston

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initiative and the city's Office of Food Initiatives, officials said.

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