



MT. PLEASANT'S PROGRAM ENCOURAGES US TO COMPOST OUR FOOD SCRAPS

Even though many of us realize that composting our food scraps is an environmentally sound practice, we have never gotten into the habit. As you probably know, compost is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as food scraps, into a valuable soil amendment. What you may not know is that **one-quarter of collected garbage consists of food scraps.**

On May 1st this year, Mt Pleasant initiated a new program to encourage residents to take their food scraps to the following drop-off locations FOR FREE!

- Park West Recreation Complex: 1251 Park West Blvd. 29466
- Jones Center Recreation Complex: 391 Egypt Road 29464
- Edwards Park: 320 Royal Ave. 29464
- Carmen R Bunch Park: Palm Ave. Isle of Palms 29451

During the first month of this new initiative, Mt. Pleasant diverted 1.6 tons of food waste from our landfill. Think of the space that can be saved in landfills, and the reduction in greenhouse gases that can be achieved! We can do this!

Registration is required. To sign up for this worthwhile endeavor, please visit charleston-sc.gov/compost. The website will walk you through a short training on acceptable items and then a lock code will be provided.

Using compost reduces the need for expensive and polluting chemical fertilizers, makes plants healthier, and can be implemented without harming wildlife or the ecosystem.

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