**Winslow Community Food Waste Recycling Postings**

**General Postings:**

* Here’s a food waste tip to help you shop smarter! Make a list. By making a list, and sticking to it, you can save time and money on food. When you make the list make sure you include the quantity. For more information on how to shop to avoid food waste check out Food Rescue MAINE’s blog which can be found here: [Blog - Food Rescue MAINE (umaine.edu)](https://umaine.edu/foodrescueme/blog/). Don’t forget to bring your food waste to your local food recycling site! The Winslow food recycling site is located at the Winslow Public Library which can be found at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Food waste fun fact! About 30% of the waste stream in Maine is food waste. A way for you to reduce your food waste is to recycle your food at a food recycling site! For more information about how to reduce your food waste at home, visit <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2020/06/08/how-reduce-food-waste-home> The Winslow food recycling site is located at the Winslow Public Library which can be found at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Stop! Don’t throw your food in the garbage just yet, there are plenty of ways to recycle your food! You can compost at home or bring your food waste to a community drop off site. If a drop off site is right for you, you can find it at the town library located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Do you know about our food waste collection site? The drop off site is there to turn your food waste into renewable energy and farm animal bedding which prevents it from being put into a landfill. You can find the site at 136 Halifax St, Winslow!
* Would you want plastic in your food? No way! So don’t throw it in your compost or your food waste collection bins! Harmful microplastics don’t belong in our food, if you’d like to read more about the impact of plastic contamination in compost visit <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6433246/#:~:text=For%20instance%2C%20plastics%20in%20compost,flora%20and%20fauna%20%5B4%5D>. Our food recycling bin is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Love food, hate waste! Remember, only food belongs in our green collection toters! Contamination can do more harm than good, so please no plastics, paper products, coffee cups, shopping bags, to-go containers or other trash. Don’t forget to bring your food scraps to 136 Halifax St, Winslow!
* Maine has the 12th highest food insecurity rate in the United States, averaging out to about 1:8 adults and 1:5 children. You can help lower this rate by donating your unwanted and uneaten food items to local food pantries and feeding partners. Find a food pantry near you at <https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/me-portland> If the food cannot be donated, please bring it to the food recycling bins located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Returning your library book? Bring your food scraps with you and recycle your food waste in the same visit! Our food waste collection bins are located at the Winslow Public Library parking lot located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.

**Time-Specific Postings:**

* Don’t go into the new year with old food in the back of your fridge! Bring any expired food that you may find to your local food recycling site. Your site is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Thinking of New Year’s resolutions? Reduce your environmental impact by participating in your free community food recycling program! Not for you? Compost at home instead! Your local community drop-off site can be found at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* The holidays may be over, but we’re still in the spirit of giving! Please continue to donate your uneaten edible food to your local food pantry. You can donate to the Winslow Food Cupboard located at 12 Lithgow St. As always, the community food recycling location is accepting your inedible food scraps at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Early spring means early composting, so let’s hope Punxsutawney Phil doesn’t see his shadow! If home composting isn’t right for you, bring your food scraps to the food recycling site at 136 Halifax St. Winslow.
* It’s Valentine’s Day and love is in the air, but so are methane emissions from food waste going into the landfill! Learn more about these emissions at <https://www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste/why> Help fight climate change and keep your air clean for your loved ones by taking all of your uneaten edible food to local food pantries and taking inedible food scraps to the community food recycling site located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow
* St. Patrick’s Day is around the corner and we’re feeling lucky about food waste this year! Winslow residents are very lucky to have this community landfill diversion option, so please bring all of your food scrap greens to the food recycling bins at 136 Halifax St, Winlsow.
* Thinking about what YOU can do to help our planet this Earth month? Start composting or recycling your food scraps! Food does harm in our garbage and our landfills, so returning those nutrients to the soil benefits us and our planet’s future. Learn more about the composting process at <https://source.colostate.edu/the-science-of-composting-and-how-to-do-it-from-home-this-summer/> and make sure to bring your food scraps to your community food waste collection site at the Winslow Public Libary (136 Halifax St, Winslow)
* Try our Food Waste Hero challenge this month by implementing all steps of Maine’s Food Recovery Hierarchy into your daily life! Track and measure your food waste, donate all of your uneaten edible food to a local food pantry, and throw those scraps in your local community food recycling collection bins found at 136 Halifax St, Winslow
* Winslow is celebrating one year of community food recycling this Earth Day! Keep up the great work and continue to use the food recycling collection site at 136 Halifax St, Winslow----Remember Maine Food is Too Good to Waste!
* Celebrate Mother’s Day this year with flowers! Did you know, flowers can actually go in the community food recycling bins? After the celebrations are over, bring your wilted flowers to the community food recycling site located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* School is out for the Summer, keep your children in the food recycling routine by bringing them with you to do your food recycling! Continue to separate your food scraps at home and bring them to the community food recycling collection site at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Having your annual Father’s Day BBQ? Reuse those leftovers in some fun summer recipes, and bring those corn cobs and watermelon rinds to the community food recycling bins found at 136 Halifax St, Winslow-----Maine’s Food is Too Good To Waste! View some recipes at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/save_money_by_using_leftovers_to_create_quick_summer_meals>
* Summer beach trips are fun, but don’t leave your food scraps at the beach for the seagulls to eat! Make sure to secure your food scraps from these outings and bring them to the food recycling site where they belong. This site is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Looking for a way to use up those food scraps and leftovers? Make your dogs some paw-some popsicles to cool down this summer! Just remember to use dog-safe foods and get creative with your ingredient combinations. As always our community food recycling collection bins can be found at 136 Halifax St. Winslow
* Happy 4th of July! Celebrate the U.S.A. by lowering its carbon footprint. We can do this together by keeping food out of the landfill. Try out composting or bring your food scraps to the community food recycling bins conveniently located at the Winslow Public Library. (136 Halifax St, Winslow)
* Summertime is winding down, but farmer’s markets are still available! Shop local for your fruits and veggies for wholesome meals and then bring those carrot tops and other scraps to the green community food recycling bins at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* School is back in session! If your kiddo brings home lunchtime leftovers don’t forget to bring them to your local food recycling site OR find a repurposeful recipe here <https://www.nutrition.gov/topics/shopping-cooking-and-meal-planning/recipe-collection> Remember the food recycling drop off site is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* As we go back to school, remember to try to reduce your food waste at home! You can do your part to save money- and trips to the community site- by changing your buying habits. For tips, visit <https://www.solanacenter.org/shop-smart-reduce-food-waste#:~:text=Smart%20Shopping%20is%20one%20of,Proper%20planning%20is%20very%20important>. Our community drop off site is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* With Halloween just around the corner this is a great time to carve pumpkins with your loved ones but don’t throw out those pumpkin guts! Bring them to your local food recycling site where they won’t go to waste. The food recycling site in Winslow is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Trick or treat! No tricks here, but we do want your leftover uneaten treats! Once you unwrap all that candy you don’t eat, bring it to your local food recycling site. Food recycling sites can’t take wrappers, but they certainly can take candy! The food recycling site is located conveniently at the Winslow Public Library, 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Don’t let food waste spook you! This Halloween, be sure to bring your leftover snacks and pumpkins to the drop-off site located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Thanksgiving comfort food is calling! Lend a helping hand by donating a meal item to your local food pantry. Then, bring all of your potato peelings and all the scraps from your Thanksgiving feast to your local food recycling site. We’ll even take the turkey wishbones! You can find the food recycling site at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Thanksgiving leftovers? Have you tried turning your leftovers into a whole new meal? Try one of these three recipes at <https://www.gettysburg.edu/offices/dining-services/servo-recipes/thanksgiving-recipes> Don’t forget our food recycling locations at the Winslow Public Library, 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Brrrr, is the cold weather keeping you cozy inside? No worries! With temperatures dropping, your food scraps are safe in their buckets even longer. This means less trips out in the cold for you and more time indoors where it’s warm! Drop-off site is located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Did you know you can still compost in the winter? You can even start composting for the very first time this winter! Follow this link for tips on how to get started: <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2020/11/can-you-compost-winter> Not for you? Bring your food scraps to the community food recycling site at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* Happy Holidays! Spend your time with good food and family this holiday season! When you’re ready, bring your food scraps to the food recycling site. Winslow’s community food recycling site is at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.

**To Be Used With Future Data:**

* WOOOO! This month, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pounds of food waste was diverted and recycled from your town. Congrats Winslow residents! Keep participating by bringing your food scraps to our food recycling drop-off site at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pounds of food waste was saved this month, which equals $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worth of savings for the town! Save money by recycling your food waste at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.
* If each meal was approximately equal to about a pound of food, then Winslow saved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meals from the landfill this month. Take your uneaten food to local food pantries and help stop food insecurity in your community! <https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/me-winslow> Your leftover food scraps should still be taken to our food recycling site located at 136 Halifax St, Winslow.

 **Tag Lines to Use with All Postings:**

* Maine Food Too Good To Waste
* Feed People, Not Landfills
* Please donate any edible uneaten food to your local food pantry (Wayside)
* Be a Food Rescue Hero!