



Dear WOODSTOCK Community,

Starting next Wednesday, June 18, 2014, and throughout the season of the Woodstock Farmers Market (a.k.a., the Woodstock Farm Festival), the community will now be able to bring their home food scraps where it will be transported to Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's (UCCRA) commercial composting facility in Kingston.

There it will be turned into compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment highly valued by gardeners and farms and members of our community, completing the cycle of local to local.

What you can bring: not only your vegetable scraps that can be composted in your backyard, but all food scraps, including meat, fish, dairy, shells, bones, nutshells, breads, grains, as well as food-soiled paper (ie., coffee grounds and filters, teabags, soiled paper bags, paper towels). Bring these in compostable bags (not plastic), which are obtainable at both Houst and Woodstock hardware.

Woodstock Organic Waste (W.O.W.), a working group within Woodstock Transition, has been actively engaged for over a year in trying to raise consciousness and bring a composting program to our town. Composting is where recycling was 30 years ago. We feel it is time to make Woodstock a leader in this global movement.

In Ulster County, over 40 millions pounds of food scraps are transported for landfill disposal each year. This is trucked 250 miles away, to a landfill near Syracuse, N.Y. Food scraps in landfills produce methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more harmful than carbon dioxide. Let's work together to keep these valuable resources local.

The new community food scraps drop-off program could not have been made possible without the enthusiastic support of the Woodstock Farm Festival. Members of W.O.W. are at the market every week to answer your questions. We'll have informational handouts and answer your questions. Look for us in green W.O.W. hats.

W.O.W. - Abby Bressack, Dennis Bressack, David Gillis, Joy Gross, and Jo Yanow-Schwartz