



Where Are My Food Scraps Going?



The food scraps you drop-off through the Plate to Field program undergo a long, transformational journey from your kitchen to nutrient-rich soil mix. Follow along each step of this process below!

STEP 1: Hauling

With the help of staff and resources from your municipality, we arrange transportation from your drop-off location to the Erie County Compost Site.



STEP 2: Composting

At the Erie County Compost Site, staff manage compost piles. They regularly turn the piles for air flow, balance green and browns, and scan for contamination to create high-quality compost.



STEP 3: Soil Mixing

Finished compost is taken to an Erie County forestry lot and mixed into a compost-rich soil blend.

STEP 4: Planting

The soil blend is taken to public Erie County parks, where it is used for plantings. Your community is cleaner and greener!