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The Municipality of Princeton Launches Food Scraps Program to Reduce Carbon Emissions

Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey— The Municipality of Princeton is excited to open registration for the long-awaited Food Scraps Program.

Starting from Wednesday, September 20th to Friday, October 20th, Princeton residents can register online for the program through OpenGov [<https://bit.ly/foodscraps2023>]. The registration process is easy and requires answering some questions about what can and cannot be dropped off to ensure the program's success.

The pilot program will include two locations, one located at Monument Hall and one at the Municipal Building, where food scraps will be collected and transported to Trenton Renewables, a food waste and renewable energy facility in Trenton. There, they will be converted into energy and soil amendment, following the EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy.

Out of the total number of registrants, 200 will be randomly selected through a lottery system, with 100 being assigned to each location. The selected participants will be notified during the week of October 23 and will receive an email with the site access code and the equipment instructions.

The Food Scraps Program supports Objective 10 of Princeton's Climate Action Plan, which aims to lower the lifecycle emissions from the waste generated by the Princeton community. Go to Sustainable Princeton's website [<https://www.sustainableprinceton.org/>] to learn more about the Climate Action Plan and ways to reduce food waste.

The Municipality looks forward to a successful program and possible expansion in the future.