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East Hill Food Scraps Drop Spot Adds Farmers Market Hours

(Ithaca, NY) The Tompkins County Department of Recycling and Materials Management is pleased to announce the East Hill Food Scraps Recycling Drop Spot will be open during the weekly Ithaca Farmers Market at 380 Pine Tree Road.

The mobile drop spot trailer will be at the farmers market – in the lot next to Rite Aid - every Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm, beginning June 6th. This is in addition to the regular drop spot hours of 11:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays.

Food scraps recycling provides residents with the opportunity to expand their waste reduction options while reducing their trash disposal costs.

The material collected each week is taken to Cayuga Compost in Trumansburg, where it's processed into compost and marketed to homeowners, landscapers and farmers as a soil amendment.

Tompkins County offers free kitchen caddies, transport containers and compostable bin liners to encourage residents to participate. These "tool kits" are available at the Recycling and Materials Management office and at all drop spots during their hours of operation.

"We're very excited to be partnering with the Ithaca Farmers Market and offering a weekday alternative for our East Hill Drop Spot users," said Seth Dennis, a Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist for the County. "The Saturday drop spot there has grown to become one of our busiest locations," he added.

For more information on food scraps recycling, including a complete list of drop spots and their hours, visit www.recycletompkins.org.

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