



A compost economy

Buffalo's Farmer Pirates Compost began working with one of its largest clients—

Tops Friendly Markets—after New York State created a law requiring large

commercial businesses to recycle their food waste.

Before Farmer Pirates Compost could start picking up the stores' expired, inedible produce, it had to acquire a hundred 32-gallon, wheeled totes that Tops staff could use to collect food scraps. The company also found that it would require a dump insert that could lift and empty the totes into its hauling truck. Altogether, the new equipment would cost the small composter \$43,000.

How did they offset the cost of the project?

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Selling Rescued Food at Discount Prices

On the west side of Utica, New York, the Bargain Grocery has carved out a niche in the retail food business: It is selling food reclaimed from big-box stores at discounted prices. Rescuing food from these large retailers has allowed the Compassion Coalition—the nonprofit that owns the Bargain Grocery—to divert 12 tons of food a week from landfills.

[Read more](#)

Green Purchasing Communities

This first-in- the-nation program announced by Gov. Kathy Hochul will accelerate New York's transition to a green economy and allows local governments to join the state's commitment to purchasing green products.

The Green Purchasing Communities program is open to all types of local governments (villages, towns, cities, counties, school districts, etc.) and gives them access to an easy to administer green purchasing program along with recognition for their commitment to buying green!

Find out how your local government(s) can become a leader in purchasing green.

[Learn more](#)



In case you missed it...



Port Authority of NY and NJ taps NYSP2I

to build roadmap for reducing waste

The New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) was tapped by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) to develop a

"zero waste to landfill" sustainability plan for the

World Trade Center Transportation Hub.



RIT ranks among top 'green' colleges by

Princeton Review

For the 12th consecutive year, RIT has been named one of the "greenest" universities in the United States by The Princeton Review. The rankings are

featured in *The Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges: 2023 Edition*.

Few grapes to spare



NYSP2I and the Cornell Enology Extension Lab have partnered on a sustainability project focusing on New York wineries. They have worked together to develop a workbook to help wineries understand and identify opportunities for boosting efficiency and reducing environmental impacts.

[Learn more](#)

Lessen your environmental impacts with these resources



[Q&A Guide: Ways to Manage Food Waste](#)



[Troubleshoot Contamination in Food Scraps Bins](#)

Happy Holidays!

Wishing you a joyful and sustainable holiday season.



We're creating a greener, more sustainable New York.



We're helping New York State **reduce emissions and use less energy and water.**

Air emissions reduced

13.1M lbs

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