

Donna Conkling

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To: Mayor
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Mayor Hochvert,

I support the recommendations of the report of the CAC (Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council). My family was one of the first to start composting when Michelle Sterling approached me a rec basketball game. She came to my home and hand delivered the pails and bags and gave us instructions. My youngest child climbed into the green bin, used for storing the compost and my older children listened enthralled by the instructions. I have five children from age 15-5 now. My middle children grew up composting at Edgewood and come home and were upset and confused that we did not compost at home. I had tried it years before and attracted animals even without meat or poultry in the bin, not to mention the odor. I had my daughter do it herself outside, but then she stopped when so many ants invaded her compost that she became disgusted.

So we tried this new system. We had hardly any other garbage! I also felt less guilty throwing out old food. I bought a second system because with a family of 7, we create a lot of compost! However, my husband and I are not good at bringing it to the dump. It would stay in our garage for at least 2 weeks and start to stink and the corn bags would decompose so dumping was messy. My husband put his foot down and said no more composting. It was upsetting, but I figured I stop in the heat of summer with vacations and everything and start back up in the Fall. My kids kept asking, "where is the compost?" Its just so natural for them. I had just recently said to my husband, "can we start up the composting again? Its getting colder out?" He groaned. I said if "they would pick up the compost it would make it so doable. They wouldn't have to have extra work, because we wouldn't need the regular garbage picked up twice a week because there would be so much less." Then as if Michelle Sterling read my mind, she sent me an email with the report suggesting just what I had said to my husband.

I think this proposal will work. The children are really the promoters of this change and would like to live what they have been taught in school. I hope the town will give it a try.

Thank you,

Moira Crouch Bandsma