## Village of



## Mamaroneck

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Dear Food Scrap Pick Up Subscriber:

JAMES BARNEY

GENERAL FOREMAN

Since March 9, 2022, the Village of Mamaroneck's Food Scraps Pick-Up Program has been enthusiastically embraced by many in our community. Over the past 15 months, **70+ tons** of food scraps have been diverted from our waste stream. There are currently **300 single-family households** in the Village registered in the Food Scraps Pick Up Program and we thank those who have signed up. We know how passionate you are about Food Scraps recycling; clearly the numbers reflect that passion.

Unfortunately, we have also found that 100 to 150 households, or 1/3 to 1/2 of our food scrap subscribers, are not placing their food scraps bins outside on their designated pick-up days, resulting in our pick-up team skipping these homes, and wasting unnecessary time and resources. While intentions are well-meaning, failure to place food scrap bins outside is an unfortunate consequence of having a free subscription service. At the April 24th Board of Trustees Meeting, the Village instituted a nominal \$52 annual (or \$1 per week) annual subscription fee for the Food Scraps Pick Up Program. While we understand that some may not be happy with this decision, this fee is necessary to ensure subscribers are committed to the program.

When we announced the Food Scraps Pick Up Program in 2022, we wrote "there [would be] no additional cost to be enrolled in the program." Unfortunately, that must change. This fee went into effect on June 1, 2023. For the months of June, July, August, and September, all current food scrap subscribers will remain in the program. Subscribers who do not pay the \$52 annual fee by October 1st will be dropped from the Food Scraps Pick Up Program. (The original deadline of September 1st has been changed to October 1st.)

Payment can be made either by cash or check. (Credit card payments are not being accepted at this time.) If you are interested in purchasing a 2023-2024 subscription, you can do so in person, Monday to Friday, between 7:00am and 3:30pm at the Department of Public Works Office located 313 Fayette Avenue. You can also mail a check in the amount of \$52 made out to the "Village of Mamaroneck" to:

Department of Public Works 313 Fayette Avenue P.O. Box 369 Mamaroneck, NY 10543-0369

Please write "2023-24 Food Scraps Pick Up Subscription" in the memo line.

We understand that some households will leave the program because of this decision. If you wish to be removed from the Food Scraps Pick Up program now, please call the Village's DPW at (914) 777-7745. Please note that the Food Scraps Drop Off Program at 313 Fayette Avenue will continue and is free and open to all Village residents. The Village's Recycling Center at 313 Fayette Avenue is OPEN Mondays-Fridays, 7:00am to 3:30pm, and on Saturdays, 9:00am to 1:00pm. However, those hours of operations are subject to change without notice.

If you have any questions, please call the Village's DPW at (914) 777-7745. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, James Barney General Foreman Department of Public Works