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## **Manlius Pebble Hill School is Composting Food Scraps!**

Your school is joining OCRRA's award-winning food scraps composting program.

Composting reduces waste, increases recycling and reinforces an important environmental lesson for your child each day. Thanks to the environmental leadership of institutions such as Syracuse University, Onondaga Community College, LeMoyne College, and now Manlius Pebble Hill School, OCRRA's Amboy Compost Facility is already processing over 50,000 pounds of food scraps weekly, and it will ultimately generate 30,000+ cubic yards of high quality compost annually!

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

1. **Ask your kid(s) about the program** and how they are helping the environment.
2. **Reduce waste** with these handy waste-free lunch tips:
  - Pack sandwiches in reusable containers;
  - Skip the one-time use plastic cutlery and opt for reusable cutlery instead;
  - Pack drinks in reusable containers;
  - Avoid excess packaging by minimizing individually wrapped, snack size items, such as chips, pretzels, etc.; instead buy snacks in bulk and portion into reusable containers.

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

All students, whether they bring or buy lunch, will help separate their food scraps for composting (by simply scraping leftovers into the proper receptacle). All food waste will be brought to OCRRA's Amboy Compost Facility in Camillus where it will be turned into a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used to grow healthy plants in our community.

### **Want to learn more about food scrap separation at lunchtime?**

Contact OCRRA's Theresa Evans at 315-453-2866, ext. 1210 or [tevens@ocrra.org](mailto:tevens@ocrra.org).

For more information on school recycling and composting, visit [www.ocrra.org](http://www.ocrra.org).

Thank you for your support,

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***P.S. These waste reduction efforts really add up when everyone pitches in!***