



Important Notice on the Suspension of GrowNYC's Recycling Programs

On March 12, 2020, Mayor De Blasio declared a state of emergency in New York City in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19. The City has been required to divert all necessary resources to aid in the COVID-19 relief efforts. This crisis, and the resulting decrease in economic activity, have forced the City to make significant budget cuts to maintain emergency services and core municipal services. This suspension allows the City to divert resources to emergency COVID-19 response efforts.

Included in these budget cuts were all of GrowNYC's zero waste programs, including Zero Waste Schools, composting, Stop 'N' Swap®, and general recycling outreach & education. All of these programs were fully funded by the City and we had no choice but to discontinue our recycling-related work for the foreseeable future. **It is important to note, that while GrowNYC's city-funded recycling programs have been suspended, curbside recycling continues and we strongly encourage you to continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle at home!** For more information see our blog post, [NYC Zero Waste During COVID-19](#).

For 50 years, GrowNYC has been committed to promoting recycling and helping New Yorkers find ways to reduce waste. And we will continue to be strong advocates for robust recycling and composting programs. We are actively seeking funding to rebuild our zero waste programming. If you would like to help, please let us know by contacting Nick Rolf at nrolf@grownyc.org and/or making a donation [here](#).

Like you, we look forward to the day when the city's fiscal situation improves and our vital recycling partnership with the city will start again. Until then, it is incumbent on all New Yorkers to continue their efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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