

## Organics Collection **SUSPENDED** for July & August 2016

This is notification that ALL NYC Organics Collection Program (brown bin) services from the NYC Department of Sanitation will be **temporarily suspended** from schools for the summer term beginning June 29, 2016. Services will resume with school start in September 2016.

The Department of Education and DSNY are committed to making the Organics Collection Program an effective way to reduce the amount of school waste going to the landfill, and over 40% of DOE locations currently participate in the City's Organics Collection Program. Summer brings a wide variety of external organizations in to school buildings to run programs; as such, students often shift around to locations different from their regular schools. This can result in a short-term influx of staff and students who might not be familiar with daily organics disposal/collection protocols. Temporary suspension of the program is an effort to keep contamination of the organic waste stream to a minimum until the regular school day structure resumes.

***Custodian Engineers and Building Managers: After June 28, please find a secure storage place for the brown bins over the summer. You will use the same bins when regular Organics Collection Program services resume in September.***

***PLEASE NOTE: Curbside collection of traditional recyclables (paper, cardboard, rigid plastics, cartons, glass, and metal) will continue over the summer.***

For more information and support on recycling, waste reduction, and organics collection in schools, please visit the DOE Office of Sustainability's website at [schools.nyc.gov/sustainability](http://schools.nyc.gov/sustainability) and/or contact the **Zero Waste Program Manager, Kathleen Corradi**, at [kcorradi@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:kcorradi@schools.nyc.gov) / (718) 349-5724.

If you have any questions about your DSNY collections, please contact **Liz Colon, Waste Coordinator**, at [ecolon24@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ecolon24@schools.nyc.gov) / (718) 610-0350.

Your school may order free signage for waste sorting stations at any time through DSNY via [www.nyc.gov/recycle](http://www.nyc.gov/recycle) under the "Schools" tab.

Thank you for your participation in these important programs to help minimize the collective environmental impact of our schools in New York City.