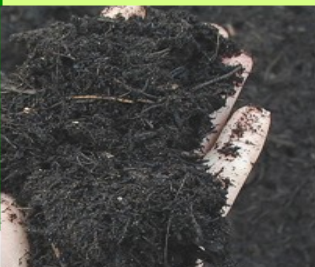




Food waste is accepted at the City of San Diego's Miramar Greenery for a discounted tipping fee. It is processed into a rich compost product for use as an amendment to improve soil texture and increase both nutrients and water holding capacity.

#### Benefits of Compost:

- Helps save money by conserving water and reducing the need to purchase commercial fertilizers
- Improves soil health and fertility
- Prevents erosion
- Helps the environment by recycling valuable organic materials and extending the life of the Miramar Landfill



# How to Implement A Commercial Food Waste Composting Program (route participants)

City of San Diego Environmental Services Department  
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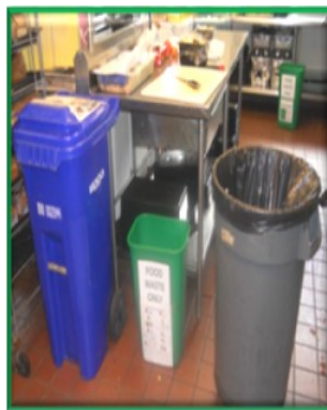


## Requirement for Participation

Participants must be in full compliance with the City of San Diego Recycling Ordinance, including recycling of all mandated materials, providing convenient recycling to guests and staff by pairing well marked recycling and trash containers, and providing written information to staff and guests

<http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/ro/index.shtml>

## Step 1: In the Kitchen



Assign food waste containers in the kitchen.

Different colored containers make it easier for staff to separate food scraps, recyclable commodities and trash.

Place containers in accessible areas.



## Step 2: What Goes In The Food Waste Container

### YES

- All fruits, vegetables
- All pasta, grains, bread, coffee grounds, cheese, pastry, rice, beans
- All trimmings and cooked meat poultry, seafood, shellfish, bones, eggs
- All coffee filters, kitchen paper towels and napkins, and parchment paper

### NO

- Oil, grease, and fats
- Plastic bags and films
- Cans
- Glass
- Packing and cardboard
- Paper and biodegradable, plates, cups and utensils



## Step 3: Outside Storage



Once the kitchen bins are full, take the load to designated outside container (s) or service area.

Due to food waste weight, carefully consider the size of indoor collection containers to minimize the risk of staff injuries.



After emptying the containers, rinse them thoroughly before putting them back in the kitchen to avoid undesirable odors.

The hauler may also clean the outdoor containers.

Drains should have a special cover to capture the food scraps rinsed from the containers to avoid clogging the drain. Draining system must be in compliance with Storm Water regulations.



## Route Participant Expectations

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department can provide free technical assistance for your program.

For more information call 858-694-7000

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Above pictures courtesy from food waste programs at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Sea World San Diego, SDSU, Snooze, Albertsons, and Crowne Plaza Hotel

### Full compliance with City of San Diego Recycling Ordinance

#### Fulfillment of training requirements

All food waste collection bins must be properly labeled

All food waste containers must be locked when not in the kitchen

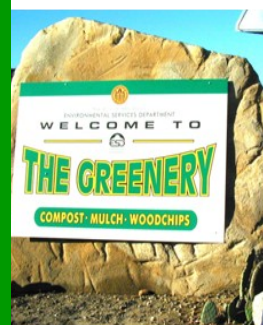
Dumpsters must have "FOOD WASTE" stenciled on front

Permanent probation regarding contamination

Bi-annual load report and commitment to hauling schedule

### To Start Your Program

- Schedule a preliminary meeting with Environmental Services (ESD) staff
- Complete all site preparations, label all bins and post signs
- Schedule staff training conducted by ESD staff
- Conduct two follow-up staff trainings within 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Follow-up staff training as needed



Composting food waste at the Miramar Greenery

