



How to Implement A Commercial Food Waste Composting Program (single generator)

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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



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 an outside dumpster, roll-off or compactor, or any other "end dump" containers.

Containers can be adapted to have a mechanical arm that lifts the 32 or 65 gallon indoor containers eliminating the risk of staff injuries.



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

The hauler will clean the large outdoor containers (dumpster, compactor, etc).

Drains should have a special drain cover to capture the food scraps rinsed from the containers to avoid clogging it and being in violation of Storm Water regulations



Single 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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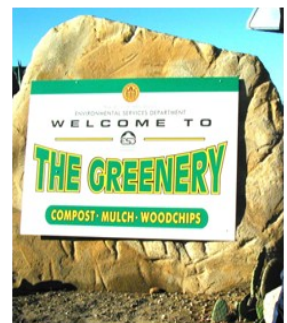


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- Full compliance with City of San Diego Recycling Ordinance
- Fulfillment of training requirements
- All food, trash and recycling collection bins must be properly labeled
- All food scraps containers must have "FOOD WASTE" stenciled on front
- Permanent 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 trash, recycling and food scraps bins and post signs
- Schedule staff training conducted by ESD staff
- Conduct two follow-up staff trainings within 1st year
- Follow-up staff training as needed



Composting food waste at the Miramar Greenery

