**Commercial Food Waste in the Waste Stream**

Orlando’s food service industry is a vibrant part of our City, keeping our community fed and providing quality service to customers. The City of Orlando provides commercial food waste services that can help your business grow green.

**Why Divert Food Waste?**

- Reduces landfill waste
- Produces beneficial byproducts such as compost
- Generate clean energy (i.e. anaerobic digestion)
- Creates marketing and branding opportunities

**Businesses that are already collecting their food waste:**

- Restaurants
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Hotels
- Business Cafeterias
- Distributors
- Grocery Stores

**Did you know?**

Each year, organic waste costs the commercial food industry $100 billion.

**Put Your Waste to Work**

Food waste collected by the City of Orlando will be diverted from the landfill and taken to innovative waste treatment facilities. Your food waste may be used to create compost, natural gas, fertilizer, or other beneficial products.

**Anaerobic Digestion**

Extracts biogas from organic waste

**Windrow Composting**

Used to process large quantities of food and yard waste into compost

**Natural Gas**

This gas is used to power facilities, and can be turned into a fuel source for compressed natural gas vehicles.

**Fertilizer**

Nutrient rich fertilizer and irrigation water are other usable byproducts.

**Compost**

One out of every three pounds of food purchased by restaurants ends up in a landfill.
WHAT FOOD WASTE CAN BE COLLECTED?

Composting requires a mix of nitrogen and carbon to create the proper environment for decomposition. Acceptable food waste includes:

- Fruit and vegetables, including prep waste
- Pastries, including muffins, bagels, donuts and biscuits
- Grains, including pasta, beans, rice, bread and cereal
- Coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Fats, oils and grease
- Tea bags
- Dry goods, including flour and sugar
- Meat and dairy

WHAT CANNOT BE COLLECTED?

- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal
- Non-biodegradables

LOCALLY RECYCLE

- Steel, Tin & Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles & Containers #1-5, 7
- Office Paper, Brown Paper
- Bags, Newspapers

Together, we can make a difference. Please help us to recycle everything possible.

MAYOR DYER'S GREEN WORKS ORLANDO INITIATIVE HAS SET AGGRESSIVE GOALS OF 50% WASTE DIVERSION BY 2018 AND ZERO WASTE BY 2040.

To order recycling carts and dumpsters, or for more information please email swcustomersvc@cityoforlando.net.
WHERE'S THE WASTE?
Determine where your waste is being generated. This is the best time to determine if you are creating avoidable food waste and find strategies for reduction and reuse. Avoidable food waste consists of over cooked food, food lost to spoilage and improper preparation, as well as plate scraping.

BIN IT!
We will provide carts for food waste collection and can help you decide where to place them in your kitchen. Be sure to use compostable bags in your carts, standard garbage bags will not break down.

FOOD WASTE IN YOUR KITCHEN

1. WHERE’S THE WASTE?

2. BIN IT!

3. TEAMWORK
Communicate program goals and progress to employees. Allow everyone to own the process and benefits.
- Who will be most effected?
- Train staff on collection process and acceptable materials.
- Generate excitement!

4. KEEP IT UP!
Hold progress updates and training events to keep employees excited about the benefits of food waste collection.
- Educate new employees.
- Engage the team anytime there will be a change in your program.
- Monitor quality and participation.
- Have a “compost champion” ready to answer questions.

Food Waste in Your Kitchen:
- Hyatt Airport is a pilot program using our commercial food waste services.
- Make sure to use compostable bags, standard trash bags will not break down.

Food Waste Is Heavy!
- Empty the food scrap containers when they’re half full.

Worried about smell?
- It’s the same waste material, just in a different container!

Quick Tip:
- Keep it up!
The City of Orlando appreciates the operational differences of our customers and can provide support and guidance in developing your food waste collection program. The City will provide support and the following materials to get your food waste program off the ground:

- Initial site assessment and operations meeting
- Program design and walk through
- Carts and collection up to three times a week
- Training of company point of contact or composting champion
- Follow ups

The City can provide signage and educational materials for your food waste program.