

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

NCRWS COMMERCIAL FOOD SCRAP PILOT PROGRAM
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What Goes in
the **BROWN** cart?

ALL FOOD

- Fruits & vegetables
- Seafood & shellfish
- Meat & poultry
- Bones
- Rice, beans & pasta
- Bread
- Cheese
- Eggshells

OTHER COMPOSTABLES

- Waxed cardboard
- Napkins, paper towels & paper plates
- Compostable food ware
- Coffee grounds/filters & tea bags
- Sawdust
- Floral trimmings
- Leaves & grass
- Other plant debris

For large amounts of yardwaste, please continue to use your YARDWASTE ONLY bins.

NO!

- PLASTIC BAGS/ WRAP OR STRAWS
- STYROFOAM
- BOTTLES & CANS
- ALUMINUM FOIL
- LIQUIDS
- HAZARDOUS WASTE

TODA COMIDA

- Frutas y verduras
- Crustáceos
- Carnes y mariscos
- Huesos
- Arroz, frijoles y pastas
- Pan
- Quesos
- Cáscaras de huevo

PAPEL SUCIO Y PLANTAS

- Cartón encerado
- Servilletas, platos y toallas de papel
- Filtros y granos de café, bolsas de té
- Aserrín
- Recortes de flores
- Hojas y césped cortado
- Otras plantas

Continúe utilizar su recipiente de BASURA DE VERDE SOLAMENTE para cantidades grandes de los desperdicios del jardín.

See opposite side for tips for a successful composting program

¡NO!

- BOLSAS/ENVOLTURAS/ POPOTES DE PLÁSTICO
- ESPUMA DE POLIESTIRENO
- BOTELLAS Y LATAS
- PAPEL DE ALUMINIO
- LÍQUIDOS
- DESECHOS PELIGROSOS



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www.naparecycling.com

Tips for a Successful Food Scrap Collection Program

- Initiate food scrap collection with a **staff meeting** to announce the new program.
- Make sure to **train all new staff** on the food scrap program...include it in a general recycling training session.
- **Designate** one or more staff members to oversee the program, check for contamination, and contact NCRWS with any questions or issues.
- All food can be included, along with soiled paper such as napkins, paper towels, and paper cups. **Contact NCRWS if you are also interested in using compostable food service ware.**



- Have **labeled containers** for food scraps in areas where a high volume of materials is generated. NCRWS can provide food scrap signs and stickers.
- If you have public collection areas, take extra steps to provide sufficient signage and always place the food scrap container next to trash and recycling containers. Make sure to check for contamination on a regular basis.
- Use **appropriately sized containers** – food scraps can be very heavy, so smaller containers generally work best. The 23 gallon Slim Jim containers are provided for this pilot food scrap program.
- Line indoor collection containers with **Biobags**, then bring the Biobags out to the brown rolling collection carts on a regular basis. If using Slim Jims, bags may need to be switched out before they are full to avoid excessively heavy bags.
- Contact NCRWS to receive additional bags or carts.
- Please notify NCRWS if your business does not plan to use Biobags – alternatives **must** be discussed to avoid any sanitation and/or composting facility issues.
- Remember to have your carts out for service by **6am on Monday and Thursday**. Roll them out the night before if you keep them inside your business.
- Always **keep lids closed** on the brown carts to minimize odor and/or vector issues.
- Just as with garbage bins and carts, it is a good idea to periodically clean food waste carts.
- Remember, these same materials have always been in your garbage...with proper handling, food scraps will not make your business messier.
- Publicize the program! **Let your customers know** that you are a composting food scraps instead of sending them to the landfill.