



City Trash & Recycling



# Foodscraps Composting:

Modern Waste Management

# Facts

Join more than 200 local businesses who are already part of the program!



Foodscraps collection is 50% of the cost of trash service. The more you sort, the more you can save!



“Foodscraps” include produce, meat & dairy, soiled paper, and compostable items separated from your trash.



Foodscraps are picked up by the City’s waste hauler, MarBorg, just like your recycling and trash.



Sorting out your foodscraps helps the environment in two ways:

- **Diverts material from the landfill.** When foodscraps are buried they not only take up a lot of space, but they also produce greenhouse gases as they break down.
- **Foodscraps are turned into compost.** Compost is a soil amendment used by local farmers and on public parks and school grounds.



32% of commercial waste in Santa Barbara could go in the yellow bin.

# Getting Started: 5 Easy Steps

A City Recycling Coordinator is happy to help you with all five steps.

**1**

**Request a meeting with a Recycling Coordinator by calling 564-5631.**

→ We will visit and assess your waste service levels.

**2**

**Make sure your blue bin program is going strong.**

**3**

**Schedule trainings with a Recycling Coordinator to educate your staff in foodscraps sorting.**

→ This is crucial to your success. It is necessary to thoroughly train all staff before the program is launched because foodscraps cannot be contaminated with trash.

**4**

**Set up bins in the kitchen.**

→ It is important to keep blue and yellow bins clearly marked and permanently placed. This will make sorting easy for your staff.

→ The City can sell you indoor bins at cost. We also make signs available for free.

**5**

**Monitor bins often to ensure items are being sorted correctly.**

# Foodscraps Cycle: How it Works



## Mixed Recyclables



CARTONS

CLEAN, EMPTY  
PLASTIC BOTTLES



JUICE BOXES



ALUMINUM FOIL



EMPTY CANS &  
GLASS BOTTLES



SHELF STABLE  
CONTAINERS



EMPTY  
PLASTIC CUPS



CLEAN PAPER



ANY METAL



NO FILM PLASTIC

**NO** liquid – empty your recyclables

## Foodscraps & Soiled Paper



PIZZA BOXES



SOILED PAPER  
& TISSUES



TEA BAGS



PAPER BAGS



COMPOSTABLE  
DISHES & SCRAPS



CUT FLOWERS



COMPOSTABLE  
BAGS



ALL FOODSCRAPS  
INCLUDING BONES AND SHELLS

## Trash



STYROFOAM



STRAWS



JUICE POUCHES



FABRICS



CERAMICS



GLOVES



CHIP BAGS



TRASH BAGS



SOILED PLASTICS

# Foodscraps DOs and DON'Ts



Monitor your bins daily for contamination



Train staff regularly, especially new staff



Get your outdoor carts or dumpsters washed regularly (two free cleanings provided annually, others at minimal cost) by calling MarBorg, 963-1852



Put glass, metal, or plastic in the yellow bin



Put liquids, ice, or grease in bins



Put black trash bags in the yellow bin

Repeated contamination will result in suspension from the foodscraps program.

# Helpful Resource Guide

As a participant in the foodscrap program you might find it helpful to utilize these items:



## YELLOW FOODSCRAPS BINS

Indoor bins available at cost.



## COMPOSTABLE CUTLERY AND TABLEWARE



## COMPOSTABLE BAGS

About 50% of our participants choose to use bags. Available from most major distributors.



## COMPOSTABLE LABEL

Make sure that non-paper items are certified "compostable". Items only labeled as "biodegradable" are not accepted in the foodscrap program.

For a list of vendors that sell compostable products, as well as bins we have available, please visit the City Trash & Recycling website at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Foodscrap](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Foodscrap).



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