

# We Compost!

## Make Compost, Not Trash

### Why Compost?

On average, **30%** of the garbage Americans put into the landfill is food and food-soiled paper. By separating out your business' food waste from the garbage you can keep this resource out of the landfill, and instead have it turned into compost to be used as a soil amenity. Just like recycling your cardboard, aluminum, and plastic, recycling your food waste is essential to protecting our environment. Also, by recycling and separating out your food scraps you can really cut down on your garbage bill!

### How it works:

All pre and post consumer food scraps and food-soiled paper can go into the food waste bins as long as they are separated from all other garbage. You will need to re-arrange some of the processes in your kitchen and bus-stations to ensure that proper separation occurs. Businesses also choose whether or not to use biodegradable bags (plastic bags are not permitted in the composting program). Since the cost of biodegradable bags can add up, many businesses choose to "go bagless". Our staff can help you make the best decision (see attached sheet on bag options).

### What we supply:

- A rate lower than garbage
- Inside containers and stickers to be designated specifically for food and food-soiled paper
- Outside food waste containers --Bins with wheels or larger containers
- Continuing technical training for management and employees

### What can go in the food waste bin?

\*\*Our staff can also produce a site-specific list for you and your employees\*\*

### All food items, raw or cooked:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Poultry
- Seafood
- Shellfish
- Bones
- Rice
- Beans
- Pasta
- Bakery items
- Cheese
- Eggshells

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## **Food Soiled Paper**

- Napkins
- Waxed Cardboard
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Tea Bags
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Paper "To-go" containers

\*\* Small amounts of wood are also accepted

## **Prohibited Items**

- Aluminum Foil
- Coffee Cups
- Milk or juice cartons
- ALL TYPES of plastic:
  - Bags
  - Gloves
  - Containers
  - Wrapping
  - Bag linings
- Liquids
- Glass
- Grease
- Styrofoam