

How to start a Food Waste Diversion Program

Food waste creates opportunity. Organic waste can be converted into a RESOURCE that feeds hungry people, nourishes animals, makes fuel and creates nutrients for the soil instead of rotting in the landfill causing harmful greenhouse gases.

- Step 1 Build internal support with stakeholders
- Step 2 Assess current waste stream, waste management and onsite capabilities
- Step 3 Evaluate processing options and logistics
- Step 4 Find partners for implementation
- Step 5 Develop program budget and identify funding
- Step 6 Plan, prioritize and set goals
- Step 7 Set up, create procedures, train and implement
- Step 8 Share through outreach and education
- Step 9 Track progress, monitor and maintain
- Step 10 Promote and celebrate results

Source Reduction Reduce the volume of surplus food generated Feed Hungry People Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters Feed Animals Divert food scraps to animal food Industrial Uses Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps for digestion to recover energy Composting Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment Landfill/ Incineration Last resort to disposal

How we can help

Wherever your organization is on a sustainability journey, we can build this program from scratch, work with an established team or assist with just one aspect. We collaborate with green teams, culinary staff, operation/facility staff, administration, clients, waste haulers and other outside vendors to create programs that work.

Some why's

- Reduce environmental impact
- Compliance under SB 1383
- Opportunity to identify operational efficiencies and cost savings
- Education tie-ins and learning opportunities

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