



Food Waste Collection- Berkeley and Madison

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City of Berkeley Plant Debris & Food Waste Collection Program



- Utilizes a 2.5 gallon kitchen container, and the brush/bulk container for curbside collection
- 32 or 64 gallon green roll cart for curb service (nothing over 130 lbs).
- Tote or brush/bulk container can be lined with compostable liner bags or paper (not required)
- Roll cart collection once a week
- Berkeley Transfer Station (BTS) converts organics to mulch/compost
- Website promotes backyard composting
- BTS offers free compost for residents
 - Pick-up once a month from BTS





FREE COMPOST
BERKELEY RESIDENTS ONLY
WITH PHOTO ID

LOCATION:
BERKELEY MARINA
MARINA BLVD

TIME & DATE:
THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
FEBRUARY THROUGH OCTOBER
(EXCEPT FOR JULY WHICH WILL BE ON THE 3rd SATURDAY (7/15) DUE TO THE KITE FESTIVAL)

Saturday ONLY no loading prior to 6:30AM

2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/15, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28



WEATHER PERMITTING



TIME:
STARTING AT 6:30 A.M. AND LASTING UNTIL THE COMPOST IS GONE

PICK-UPS MAY LOAD NO HIGHER THAN THE LIP OF THEIR BED
&
MUST TARP THEIR LOADS


SELF SERVE - PLEASE BRING YOUR SHOVELS, CONTAINERS AND SAFETY GEAR
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RAIN CANCELLATIONS CALL
THE BERKELEY MARINA OFFICE AT (510) 981-6740.



****Warning - Compost contains decaying organic matter may be harmful if ingested by pets****

Source: 2016.
Berkeley Public
Works.
<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/PlantDebris/>



City of Madison Organics Collection Pilot Program

- Utilizes a 2.5 gallon kitchen container
- Compostable bags not provided by city
- People bring tote collected food to several dumpster aggregate areas around city
- Organics not composted but brought to anaerobic digester to turn organic waste streams into biogas
- Nutrients of liquid steam used in agriculture as fertilizer
- Separate composting program

Source: 2017. City of Madison, WI.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/organics/collectOrganics.cfm>

Anaerobic Digester Facility



Source: BioFerm USA of Madison



Organic Collection Key Components



- Educate the public on program and costs
- Kitchen container
- Utilization of a 3rd bin (Brush/Bulk Bin) for food waste collection (Berkeley only)
 - US Composting bags
- Simultaneously promote household composting
- Establishment of an eco-center to process organic waste
- Food Digester possible route if:
 - Need room for digester and food storage
 - Enough organics are collected
 - Market for nutrients/biogas exists near facility

JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T EAT IT ALL, DOESN'T MEAN IT HAS TO GO TO WASTE.

Contrary to popular belief, not all biodegradable waste should end up in a landfill. In fact, by composting organic materials, we can we can reduce landfill space, cut methane emissions that cause climate change, lessen leachate that has the potential to contaminate groundwater, return nutrients to the soil and even generate energy to power our city. Here's a handy guide to all the organic waste that can go into your black compost bin.



*Soiled paper like plates,
paper towels, napkins
and pizza boxes*



*Dairy products, eggs
and their shells*



*Coffee grounds, filters
and tea bags*



*Pasta, bread, cereals
and rice*



Fruits and vegetables



Meat, poultry and fish



Sauces, soup and gravy



Cake, cookies, candy



For more information call the City of Madison Streets and Recycling office
at 608-267-2626 or visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets/organics



Source: City of Madison, Core Tip Sheet.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/Coretipsheet.pdf>



Applicable to Los Alamos?

- Kitchen containers
- Utilization of a 3rd bin (Brush/Bulk Bin) for food waste collection (in process)
- Household composting possible, but... bears
- Environmental Laws for Food Waste Collection
- We already have an eco-center but need more capacity
- Food Digester and composting both require land