

FOOD WASTE

Food waste is the largest single component in the waste stream today. But it doesn't have to go to the landfill.

In fact, the State of California is now requiring qualifying businesses to divert their food waste away from the landfill.

The City of Ontario Solid Waste Department offers food waste collection services that allow businesses to comply with the State mandate (Assembly Bill 1826) to divert food waste from the landfill.

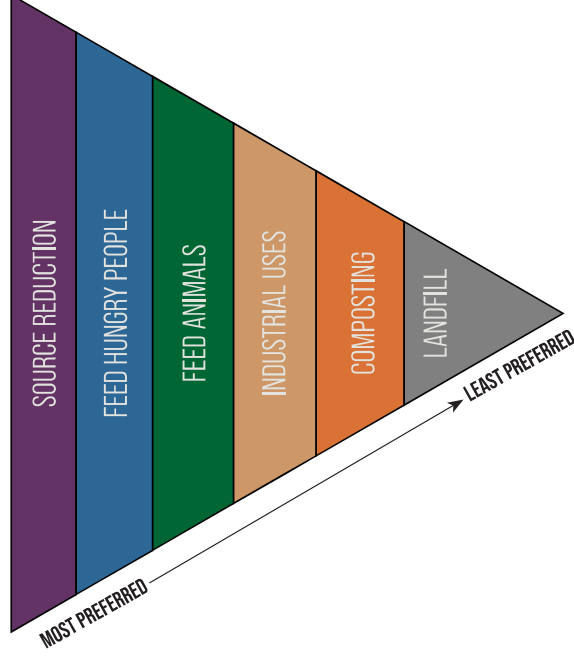
ACCEPTABLE

BREAD
GRAINS
COFFEE GROUNDS
DAIRY PRODUCTS
FRUITS
VEGETABLES
PLANT TRIMMINGS
MEAT
POULTRY & SEAFOOD
BONES



UNACCEPTABLE

PAPER PRODUCTS
GLASS
METAL
PLASTIC
PLASTIC BAGS
STYROFOAM
BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS



FOOD RECOVERY HIERARCHY

- SOURCE REDUCTION**
Reduce the volume of surplus food generated
- FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE**
Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens & shelters
- FEED ANIMALS**
Divert food scraps to animal food
- INDUSTRIAL USES**
Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion & food scraps for digestion to recover energy
- COMPOSTING**
Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment
- LANDFILL / INCINERATION**
Last resort to disposal



CONTAMINATION

Contamination in food waste can be a big problem. Please keep all non compostable items, such as glass and plastic, out of the food waste. Plastic bags also contaminate food waste.

Compostable bag liners are a great substitute for traditional plastic bag liners because they will compost along with your food waste. No bags in the food waste stream is best. Food waste collected in this program will be **composted and turned into a nutrient rich soil amendment.**

The cost for the food waste recycling program is the same as for trash.

That means
NO EXTRA EXPENSE
for businesses!