

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 foodscrap sorting.

→ This is crucial to your success. It is necessary to thoroughly train all staff before the program is launched because foodscrap 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.

Helpful Resource Guide

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



YELLOW FOODSCRAP 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.



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City Trash & Recycling

Foodscrap Composting:

Modern Waste Management

Facts

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



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



"Foodscrap" include produce, meat & dairy, soiled paper, and compostable items separated from your trash.



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



Sorting out your foodscrap helps the environment in two ways:

→ **Diverts material from the landfill.** When foodscrap are buried they not only take up a lot of space, but they also produce greenhouse gases as they break down.

→ **Foodscrap 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.

Foodscrap Cycle: How it Works



Mixed Recyclables



Foodscrap & Soiled Paper



Trash



Foodscrap DOs and DON'Ts

- DO** Monitor your bins daily for contamination
- DO** Train staff regularly, especially new staff
- DO** Get your outdoor carts or dumpsters washed regularly (two free cleanings provided annually, others at minimal cost) by calling MarBorg, 963-1852
- DON'T** Put glass, metal, or plastic in the yellow bin
- DON'T** Put liquids, ice, or grease in bins
- DON'T** Put black trash bags in the yellow bin

Repeated contamination will result in suspension from the foodscrap program.