

# FOOD WASTE Composting FOR BUSINESSES

## What is food waste composting?

Food waste composting is an alternative way to dispose of your business's food waste. A compost hauler comes to your business one or more times a week and collects your food waste. This food waste, instead of going to a landfill or combustion facility, goes to a composting facility, where it is combined with yard waste and it decomposes to form a rich soil for gardening and landscaping.

Working with a compost hauler is a great way for your business to save money on waste disposal costs!

The compost hauling company will work with your business to set up a system for separating out food waste. They provide compostable liners, as well as totes to store the food waste until pick-up.

## What kinds of businesses can make use of food waste composting?

Restaurants  
Hotels  
Grocery stores  
Other businesses that produce food waste

## How can I save money?

By having your food waste picked up by a compost hauler, you can greatly reduce your costs for trash hauling. Food waste is one of the heaviest types of materials in trash. So, by removing food waste from your regular trash, you will lower the weight of the trash you have to pay to have picked up.

The costs of hiring the compost hauler will depend upon several factors, including the size of your business and quantity of food waste produced, and it also varies by the

company you choose to work with. To find out what your cost savings will be, you will have to compare your savings on trash hauling with the cost of compost pick-ups.

*"We're saving about \$10,000 a year... because we are charged less per ton for composting than we are for regular waste" -Jim Holmes, Dir. of Engineering, Westin Hotel in Waltham.*

## Benefits of composting your food waste

Composting is the most efficient way to deal with food waste. Putting waste into a landfill or a combustion facility strains our waste system, and also releases major greenhouse gases, including methane and carbon dioxide, into the air.

When food waste is brought to a composting facility, it is mixed with yard waste and allowed to decompose until it forms fertile compost that can be used for gardening and landscaping. This process conserves natural resources by returning valuable nutrients to the soil, and it conserves water by forming soils that retain moisture better.

## Compost Hauling Companies that service Waltham businesses

Save that Stuff  
(617) 241-9998  
<http://www.savethatstuff.com>

Herb's Disposal  
(800) 500-1439

Contact the above businesses directly for more information. Please notify the Recycling Department of your interest, and call with any questions, at (781) 314-3390.