

# Join Charleston County's Table to Farm Movement

Restaurants can reduce disposal costs and their impact on our environment by composting their food scraps. Send your organic waste back to the farm.

## Farm

Local farmers add compost to improve the health of their soil.

Local restaurants can further complete the loop by purveying from local farmers.



## Table

In the kitchen, restaurants keep food prep and plate waste separate from the garbage. This food waste, in addition to paper napkins and compostable serve ware, can be composted.



## Collection

Acceptable food waste is placed in specially marked containers for pick-up.



Recycling food waste saves valuable landfill space.

## Transport



Private haulers, who specialize in collecting food waste, are hired by restaurants for a fee.



## Apply Compost

Residents and local farmers purchase compost by the bag or loose ton, which closes the composting loop.



## Buy Compost

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Charleston County's compost is suitable for use in organic farming and gardening.



## Processing

Charleston County processes incoming food waste into a premium compost product.



## How do I start composting my food scraps?

Charleston County Government does not collect or haul food waste directly, but has collection partners listed below. For fees and service options, contact each hauler directly.

### Carolina Waste Services

(843) 576-1100  
carolinawaste.com

### Food Waste Disposal

(843) 991-2791  
wastefwd.com

### Republic Services

(843) 266-6199  
republicservices.com

### Smart Recycling

(843) 834-7681  
smartrecyclingsc.com

## Why should I compost?

- If you start recycling and composting in your commercial kitchen, you could see a reduction in your disposal costs.
- Diverting food waste from the landfill is better for the environment.
- You can advertise your green efforts.

## What can I compost?

- Food preparation scraps and plate scrapings
- Food-soiled paper, such as: paper towels, paper napkins, waxed cardboard boxes and paper bags
- Compostable serve ware
- Bread, dough, bakery items, pasta and grains
- Coffee grounds, coffee filters and tea bags
- Wooden skewers and cocktail sticks
- Cooked meats and fish, including shells and bones
- Consumable liquids
- Egg and dairy products
- Fruits and vegetables
- Floral waste



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(843) 720-7111  
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