



# Monterey Regional Waste Management District

## Food Scrap Compost Program Guidelines

The MRWMD food scrap compost program accepts clean loads of food material as well as compostable service ware and packaging (cups, plates, cutlery, bags) that has received the ASTM D6400, D6868 and/or Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certification as “compostable”. This certification verifies that a product will biodegrade completely, quickly and safely—just like yard trimmings and food scraps in a municipal compost program. For a list of products that carry this certification see: <http://www.bpiworld.org/Certified-Biodegradable-Foodservice-Items-Plates-Cups-Utinsels>.

The MRWMD food scrap compost program presently serves commercial customers including restaurants, hotels, supermarkets, and a range of special events such as sporting events, music festivals, and street fairs. If you are a commercial business and wish to start composting food scraps, please contact your waste and recycling service provider to discuss collection service.

If you wish to divert food scraps from a special event and will be delivering the material yourself (self hauling), submit this form at the MRWMD scales and you will be directed to the food scrap compost receiving area. To successfully divert food scraps and compostable packaging from special events, we require the following:

- Material must be free of contamination such as glass, plastic, cardboard, and metal.
- The event must utilize an event compost coordinator and/or volunteers to ensure that material placed in compost bins is free of contamination, and to sort out contaminants if necessary.
- Compostable packaging is accepted with food scraps if it carries ASTM or BPI certification.
- The MRWMD food scrap collection program accepts all types of food materials (vegetable, meat, fish, and dairy products). All bulk packaging such as rubber bands, produce tags, plastic bags, and twist ties must be removed.

If you are self-hauling food scraps to the MRWMD from a special event, please complete the information below and submit to the scale attendant when you arrive at the MRWMD.

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered by (name): \_\_\_\_\_ Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this load of food scrap material is free of contamination

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_