Help Reduce Waste

Waste from businesses and food service establishments is mostly organic and can be recycled. Keep this waste out of landfills by recycling and giving it a new life as compost.

Acceptable Organic Waste Examples

Food Scraps:
- Fruit & vegetables
- Breads & grains
- Fish, poultry, meat & bones
- Cheese & dairy
- Coffee grounds

Green Waste:
- Grass clippings
- Landscape & pruning waste
- Cut flowers and herbs

Unacceptable Organic Waste Examples
- Styrofoam
- Plastic products
- Glass products
- Metals
- Liquids
- Cooking grease trappings/tallow
- Non-biodegradable materials
- Paper plates and cups
- Egg cartons
- Pizza boxes
- Paper Packaging

As a business leader, your assistance and participation is critical to achieving the waste diversion goals set for our community. Beyond helping attain goals mandated by state law, there are tangible benefits in adopting waste reduction/recycling programs such as: saving money; claim tax benefits; enhance your public image; and provide community support! Contact the Public Works Department to learn how your business can benefit from organic waste recycling.

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For more information or assistance, please call the City of Lakewood’s Public Works Department (562) 866-9771 extension 2500
Recycling activities are the responsibility of whomever generates the organic waste at your business.

Q: Can our business donate excess edible extras to charities?

A: Yes, there are various organizations that will take un-served edible food such as a Food Finders or other local food banks and charities.

Q: Who should I contact if I need more information or have questions?

A: The City Public Works Department is ready to help you and your business get started recycling, or even improve an existing program. Please call (562) 866-9771 ext. 2500 for assistance.

Effective April 1, 2016, new State legislation (AB 1826) mandated that businesses recycle organic waste (a list is provided in this brochure).