Expanded Collection Service
GreenWaste now offers all businesses in the City of Capitola the opportunity to participate in our food waste collection and composting program. Signing up is easy and participation is simple.

Divert Waste from Landfills
Rather than throwing your food scraps, food soiled paper and yard trimmings in the garbage to be buried in a landfill, separate your food waste and GreenWaste will compost them for you!

Help Capitola Go Green
Participation in this program promotes awareness, increases recycling rates and helps the City of Capitola reach its waste diversion goals.

Waste Accepted Under the Program

**Food scraps:**
- Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Fish, Poultry, Seafood, Bones, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Bread, Cheese, Coffee Grounds

**Food soiled paper:**
- Coffee Filters, Paper Cups and Plates, Other Approved “Compostable” Products, Biodegradable Bags

**Yard trimmings:**
- Floral Trimnings, Table Flowers

**Items Not Accepted:**
- Liquids, Clean Paper and Newspaper, Cardboard, Waxed Cardboard, Plastic Bags, Straws, Lids, Branches, Twigs, Stumps

Starting Your Program
GreenWaste is available to provide assistance getting the food waste program started at your business or improving the one you have already established.

Assistance Can Include:
- Conducting a site visit to establish the appropriate service level
- Helping to set-up internal infrastructure, including providing and placing program outreach materials

Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Will participation increase my bill?**
**A:** No, GreenWaste and the City of Capitola are offering the Commercial Food Waste Composting Program at no additional costs to commercial customers.

**Q: Will I need a separate container?**
**A:** Yes, you will need separate containers for food waste, both inside your business and at the outside point of collection.

**Q: Are there any hidden costs to participate?**
**A:** No, in fact, participation in this program may result in a decrease in your cost of service if you experience a decrease in garbage produced and reduce your garbage container size. The only additional costs you may incur are food waste collection containers for the inside of your business.

**Q: Will my collection days change?**
**A:** Participation in the program will not impact your normal collection services for garbage and recycling; however, the frequency and collection days for food waste may be different.

**Q: Can I get food waste collection at home?**
**A:** At this time, the Food Waste Collection Program is only available to commercial businesses located within the City of Capitola.

**Q: Where will the food waste be taken?**
**A:** GreenWaste will deliver all your compostable materials to the Monterey Regional Waste Management District’s composting facility in Marina, where it will be processed and made into a rich soil amendment.

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**IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL FOOD WASTE COLLECTION**

If you are interested in starting a composting program, please complete and return the attached form and one of our Environmental Outreach Coordinators will contact you to schedule a site visit.

☐ YES! I am interested in starting a commercial food waste composting program.

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