

# WHY COMPOST FOOD WASTE?

Composting is a convenient, beneficial and inexpensive way to handle your organic waste and help the environment. Composting helps businesses:

 **SAVE MONEY**


 **HELP REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

 **IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH AND LESSEN EROSION**

 **CONSERVE WATER**

 **CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY**

 **RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AROUND WASTED RESOURCES**

 **QUALIFY AS “SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS LEADER”**

# WHAT IS COMPOST?

Compost is the end product of recycling food and other organic waste.

Composting provides a range of environmental benefits, including improving soil health, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, recycling nutrients, and mitigating the impact of droughts.

## Residential food scraps drop-off at the Recycling Center

**Food waste may be brought to the Recycling Center by residents between 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.**

Please do not bring food waste outside of business hours as Wildlife Feeding LDR's caution against unattended wildlife attractants. **Food waste may be hauled in 5-gallon buckets or less**, and the use of a compostable liner or bag is permitted; ensure you are able to lift and dump your own compost. Food waste will be visually inspected for contaminants prior to being dumped. Any non-food waste found will be returned, or your load may be rejected. The fee for residential food scrap composting at the Recycling Center is **\$2.00 per container.**



# FOOD WASTE COMPOST COLLECTION



Teton County Solid Waste and Recycling  
3270 S. Adams Canyon Road  
[TetonCountyWY.gov/Compost](http://TetonCountyWY.gov/Compost)  
(307) 733-7678



**WORKING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY  
TOWARD A ZERO WASTE FUTURE**

## WHAT WE ACCEPT

### FOOD WASTE ONLY

- Meat
- Dairy
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Grains
- Bread



## DO NOT INCLUDE



- No Garbage
- No Shellfish\*
- No To-Go Ware: even when compostable
- No Paper Products
- No Gloves
- No Food Cartons or Packaging
- No Stickers or Rubber Bands
- Floral Arrangements

\*Shellfish includes but is not limited to the meat and shell/exoskeleton of: shrimp, lobster, clams, mussels, scallops, and oysters. Shellfish are not allowed in the Teton County Food Composting Program.

## HOW TO START (COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING)



**Contact ISWR** to discuss service options and begin the application process.



### Set Up Internal Collection

**Container(s).** Use buckets with labeling or green totes so they stick out from trash receptacles. Place container close to where food is handled.



**Hang Signs/Posters in Highly Visible Locations** to raise awareness and provide clear directions to employees.



**Designate a Compost Champion** to ensure quality by monitoring bins for contamination.



**Train Employees** by directly showing them and leading by example. Explain to employees what can and cannot be included in the compost program.



**Continually Assess** and conduct spot audits for contamination. Pull out items and discuss issues with employees.

### READY TO GET STARTED?

**CALL (307) 733-7678 or EMAIL:**

**ISWRoutreach@tetoncountwy.gov**

## PRICING FOR COMMERCIAL FOOD SCRAP HAULING

The following chart includes **special 50% off monthly** food waste collection rates **through spring of 2026**. \*Discounted rates as shown below.



Container Size	1x/week	2x/week
35 Gallon	\$32.50*	\$54*
64 Gallon	\$59*	\$88.50*
95 Gallon	\$86.50*	\$130*

**Pickup is on Tuesday and/or Friday**

\*Curbside bin setup fee - \$30 (incl. 50% discount)

***This is a service provided by Teton County ISWR. We subcontract Westbank Sanitation to do the actual pick-up, so don't be alarmed when you see a garbage truck picking up the food waste.***

## What is included in service?

- In-person training and support by ISWR staff & Riverwind Foundation Sustainable Business "Hot Shots"
- Toolkit
- Laminated posters
- Bin labels
- Commercial outdoor container
- **Special:** Free back-of-house bin and case of compostable liners