

Look Who's Composting!

Commercial Compost Collection

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Thinking about reducing your company's bottom line? Restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, food processors and others are now composting their food scraps through the City of Seattle's Commercial Compost Collection program. See how they rate this unique and exciting new service!



Starbucks Café – Magnolia

Magnolia's Starbucks Café generates up to **200 gallons** of coffee grounds and food scraps every week. Their employee training and one-on-one conversations with staff have helped to achieve a **100%** composting rate for coffee grounds, food-soiled paper and cardboard. Starbucks Café is confident this program will help their business save money.

Canlis Restaurant

Canlis, an upscale restaurant overlooking Lake Union, joined the program because of their commitment to the environment and their interest in sustainability. They compost about **580 gallons** of fruit and vegetable trimmings, bread and pasta, table scraps, meat and dairy per week. As a result, Canlis saves roughly **\$80 per month** by composting. Canlis is very satisfied with the program and *"highly recommends"* it to other businesses.

A Taste of Paradise

This small food-processing company in South Park composts about **230 gallons** of food waste per week. It is convenient because their food waste containers can be kept right next to their facility. Since beginning the program, A Taste of Paradise generates much less garbage, and reduced their garbage service (and bill) accordingly. They *"definitely recommend"* this service.

PCC Natural Markets

Collectively, PCC's five Seattle-area grocery stores compost approximately **10,100 gallons** of food waste and food-soiled paper per week. All stores use a system of color-coded bins that clearly designate where garbage, food waste and other recyclables go. By composting, a medium-sized grocery store can save about **\$300 per month**. PCC *"absolutely"* recommends this program to other businesses.

Essential Baking Company

In addition to two cafés in the Wallingford and Madison Valley neighborhoods, the Essential Baking Company (EBC) has a full bakery and processing facility where they compost about **6,000 gallons** of food waste and food-soiled paper every week. They use a convenient kitchen cart that holds containers for trash and food waste. EBC composts because they want to *“conduct our business with social and environmental responsibility.”* They are also estimated to save about **\$500 per month**.



Wild Mountain Café

This environmentally-conscious restaurant in the Crown Hill neighborhood has been composting since it opened in 2000. They compost between **200 and 300 gallons** per week, including their garden clippings. Wild Mountain Café publicizes their

efforts to customers by posting the details of their waste prevention and recycling programs on the back of their menus. Wild Mountain Café says, *“People shouldn’t shy away from composting. It’s so easy!”*

What Food Can I Recycle?

Virtually all food waste and food-related paper can be composted, including:

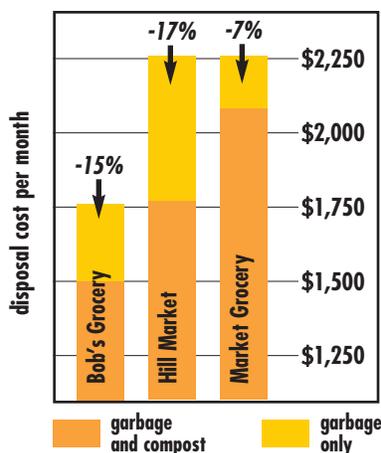
- fruit and vegetable trimmings
- meat, chicken, fish, shell fish and bones
- eggs, cheese and other dairy products
- grains, breads and pasta
- coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- shredded paper and paper soiled with food, fat or grease
- waxed paper, waxed milk cartons and waxed cardboard
- cups, plates, napkins and take-out containers



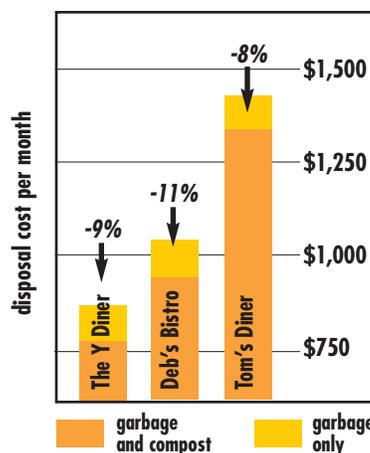
Businesses that compost can cut their garbage bill by **30 percent**. Compost collection rates are **20 percent less** than garbage rates and most City and State taxes do not apply.

Businesses that save the most, compost all accepted items and reduce the frequency of their garbage collection and the size of their garbage containers. Sample savings realized by medium-sized businesses are shown below.

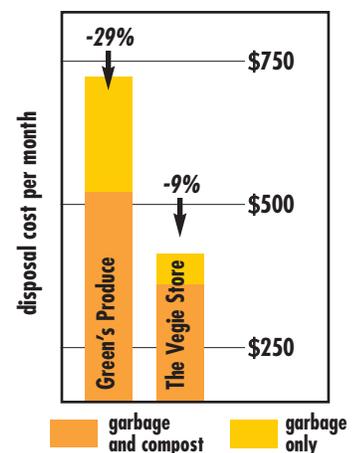
Sample Grocery Savings



Sample Restaurants Savings



Sample Produce Savings



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