

# Turn Waste into Wonder: Team up with Dorset Compost for Sustainable Solutions!

Food waste is a significant environmental challenge, contributing to 24% of all solid waste in landfills and generating 55 million metric tons of methane emissions annually! <sup>1</sup> This exacerbates climate change by squandering valuable resources used in food production, such as water, energy, and land. Dorset Compost offers a sustainable solution through our food scrap pick-up service, which diverts organic waste from landfills and transforms it into nutrient-rich compost.

# Who Are We?

Dorset Compost is a small commercial composting facility, certified by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (BN-210). We are also authorized by the State of Vermont to haul food waste to our farm facility in Dorset, located one mile north of the Dorset town green, and transform them into rich organic material to nourish the soil.

Here's how participating in this initiative benefits everyone involved:

#### For Your Business

- Community Engagement: You become part of a community-focused initiative, fostering a sense of responsibility and collaboration in addressing environmental issues.
- Streamlined Efficiency: You fill 'em and we'll haul 'em on a schedule tailored to your needs. Simple as that!

https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/sustainable-manageme nt-food-basics

• Regulatory Compliance: Let us help you get those food scraps to a cooking compost pile where they belong! Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148), enacted in 2012 and fully effective as of July 1, 2020, prohibits the disposal of food scraps in trash bins. The law aims to reduce landfill waste and mitigate methane emissions from decomposing organic matter.

#### For the Environment

- Reduced Methane Emissions: Diverting food waste from landfills significantly reduces methane emissions, as food waste is the largest contributor to methane in landfills.
- Resource Conservation: Composting recycles nutrients back into the soil, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and conserving water by improving soil health.

## For Your Customers

- Positive Public Image: Composting resonates with eco-conscious consumers who prioritize sustainability in their dining choices. It demonstrates innovation and a proactive approach to environmental issues, appealing to customers who appreciate businesses that take tangible steps toward sustainability.
- Partner Recognition: We will feature a link to your restaurant's website on our homepage and proudly showcase your establishment as a champion of sustainable practices on our social media. We also feature a link to our commercial customers on every email that goes out to our residential customers, in gratitude for the volume of material from commercial customers that keeps our piles cooking!

### What Can We Do For You?

As a valued Dorset Compost customer you will be provided with:

~Rugged, 35-gallon totes with sturdy lids and wheels and bungee cords to secure lids against pests.

~Sawdust to cap and seal the tote against odors and pests

~Collection of filled totes and replacement of clean, empty totes

- ~Employee training
- ~Instructional signage and stickers on totes for kitchen display

~Resource recovery volume and environmental impact reporting that you can share with your customers

Let's work together to effectively address the urgent challenge of food waste! By fostering a culture of sustainability now we will inspire future generations to care for our planet.

Next Steps:

- Schedule a free on-site consultation by emailing us today at info@dorsetcompost.com
- Register on our website
  <u>https://www.dorsetcompost.com/register-commercial</u>