

# **Composting in your Community**

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# A Brief History of Break it Down

- Since 2009
- Greater Austin area
- 800+ customers
- 500 tons per month
- Swapping carts, different from the industry standard
- Primarily B2B services
- Also providing B2B recycling



# **Different Options**



## **Grassroots Composting**

## 1)Backyard composting

2)Community Garden composting



### **Positives**

1) Minimal educational work required

2)Minimal time or costs to start

## Down side

Not as impactful as whole community systems for redirecting food wastes from landfills



## **Green Cart Communities**

#### **Residential Garbage Sorting Guide**



San Marcos, TX Educational Guide

## Food Waste Residential Composting

### Positive

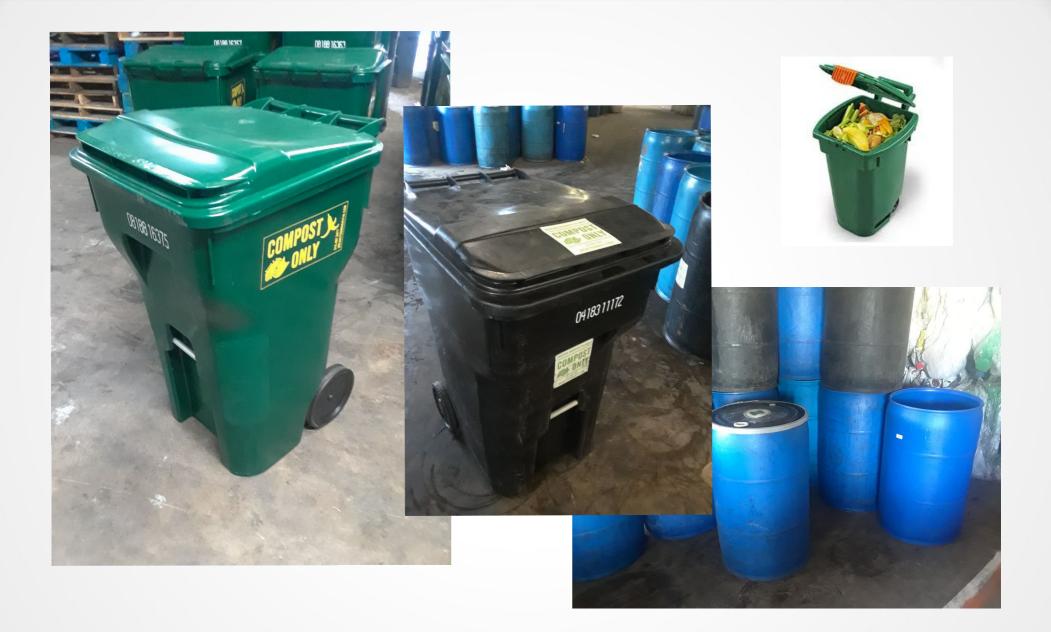
Most diversion available

### **Down Sides**

- 1)Educational effort is significantly higher than with yard trimming programs
- 2)More expensive, though typically provided as "free" in tandem with increased trash rates

#### WHAT CAN I COMPOST? ¿QUÉ PUEDO COMPOSTAR? APS (FRUITS, VEGETABLES, MEAT FOOD-SOILED PAPER (CARDBOARD, NAPKINS, PAPER TOWELS, PIZZA BOXES, COFFEE FILTERS) BONES DAIRY RREAD Sobras de comida (frutas, verduras, carne, Papel con comida (cartón, servilletas, toalias huesos, productos lácteos, pan) de papel, cajas de pizza, filtros de café FLORAL AND YARD TRIMMINGS (FLOWERS, **BPI-CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE FOOD SERVICE WAR** LEAVES GRASS (CUPS, FORKS, SPOONS, PLATES) Recortes del lardín (flores, holas, pasto) Servicio de mesa compostable certificada por el BPI vasos, tenedores, cucharas, platos) NO: PLASTIC BAGS PLASTIC, ALUM **GLASS RECYCLABLES** co, aluminio o austintexas.gov/uro

# **Business Composting**





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