



City of Austin

Austin Resource Recovery

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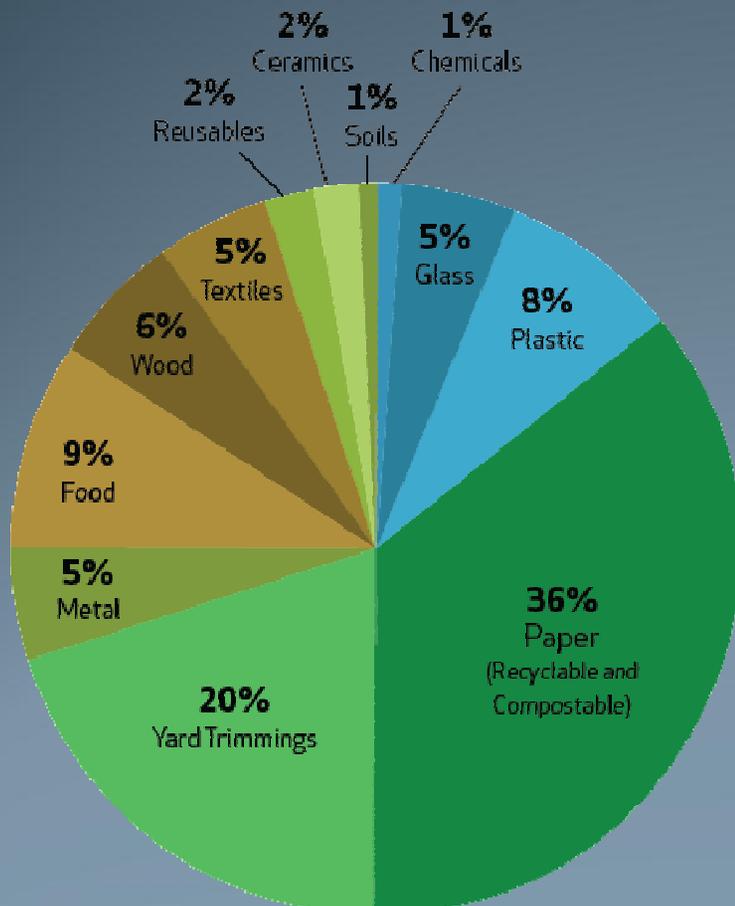
Austin Zero Waste Goals





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Materials Management – Not Waste Management



Organics Fraction:

20% = Yard Trimmings

18% = Food-Soiled Paper

9% = Food Waste

3% = Untreated Wood





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Highest and Best Use

Waste Reduction – Consumer Education

Reuse - Food Rescue

Home-based Composting & Rebate Program

Community Gardens Organics Composting

Centralized Organics Collection

Anaerobic Digestion (disposal)

Landfill (least desirable disposal)





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Residential Organics Collection & Processing

Current: Yard Trimmings Collection

Future: Yard Trimmings plus Food Scraps

2013-2014: Pilot Automation of Routes

2015: Single-Stream Organics – City-wide

Hornsby-Bend Composting





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Multi-Family Organics Collection & Processing

Current: Private Yard Trimmings Collection

Future: Yard Trimmings plus Food Scraps

Universal Recycling & Composting Ordinance

Phase 1: 2012-2016

Phase 2: 2014-2016





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Commercial Organics Collection & Processing

Universal Recycling & Composting Ordinance

Phase 2: 2014-2016

Commercial Property Yard Management

Restaurant Compostables Collection

Food Servers / Caterers / Cafeterias Organics

Food Processors Food Scrap





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Consumer Compost Labeling

US Composting Council

Seal of Testing Assurance Program





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Food Waste Disposal Units

Installed in 85% of Single Family Homes

Installed in 50% of Multi-Family Homes

Installed in 50% of Commercial Properties

Solids and FOG in WasteWater System

Disposal Method – not diversion

Water flush – wasted resources





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Proposed Pilot – Food Scrap Capture

Pilot at Five (5) Multi-Family Complexes

UT contracted study

Kitchen Capture of Food Scrap

Capture before reaching Kitchen Sink

On-site Apartment Composting

Community Gardens Support

Centralized Organics Collection





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