


City of Austin Austin Resource Recovery

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Organics Recovery





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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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