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The City of Long Beach is excited to announce that your business has been selected to be a part of our Citywide pilot to collect food scraps from commercial businesses and divert them from the waste stream. This program is part of ongoing efforts to reduce waste and improve recycling across our City. This service is mandated by State Law AB 1826, which requires certain commercial businesses to divert organic waste and is further enforced in State Law SB1383. This program will collect your food scraps separately from your normal trash in a new green 95 gallon cart that will be provided to you.

As a pilot participant, this service will be conducted at no additional cost. The City is undergoing a cost of service study that will determine the cost for this service in the future. As mentioned above, this is a required service for your business and is not optional. Please use this resource guide and training materials to help ensure a successful collection program. Thank you for participating in our food scraps collection program. City Staff are here to help you with any questions or issues you may have throughout the pilot program and look forward to your partnership for a successful pilot.
The State set targets for Californians to reduce disposal of organic waste 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025. Additionally, the State set a goal to recover 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.

All businesses that generate 2 cubic yards or more of solid waste must arrange for organic waste recycling services. Organic waste includes organic, non-fiber materials, such as yard trimmings and food waste.

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95 GALLON CART

The City will provide a 95-gallon green cart to collect your business's food scraps.

Please place this cart out for collection where your refuse and recycling are regularly serviced.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR COLLECTION:
- (1) Indoor Collection Container
- (1) Starter Roll of Plastic Liners
- Cart Labels
- Educational Posters
- Online and In-Person Trainings
CONTAINER PLACEMENT

- Place indoor food scraps containers in areas where food scraps are generated (i.e. kitchen or food prep area).
- Place food scraps containers next to garbage and recycling containers.
- Post FOOD SCRAPS ONLY decals on all food scraps containers.
- Place food scraps posters above food scraps containers.
- **Line containers with clear plastic bags.**
Explain what food scraps are and why it is being collected for diversion.

- Food scraps are any leftover food-based material (see p. 7 for examples).
- State law requires this material to be collected and diverted to prevent the generation of greenhouse gases.

Identify all staff that will be involved with food scraps collection.

Designate a “Food Scraps Champion” to take the lead on staff training and monitoring of the program.

Educate new staff on how to sort properly during training.

Ensure all staff know locations of inside containers and outside cart.

Direct staff to posters or other educational material to ensure continued proper sorting.
Look inside your food scraps bin to find out what is regularly going to waste & purchase less of that food or find out if there is an alternative way to use or store it.

Prevent Food Waste:
- Food scraps weigh more than trash so it is best to empty containers when 1/2 to 3/4 full.
- Tie the top of the bag before moving to outdoor cart to prevent spills.
- Keep collection containers clean by keeping them free of food and liquids.

CONTAMINATION
Contamination is any material that does not belong in that container (i.e. trash or recycling).

- Monitor containers for contamination.
  - Place tongs near your indoor container for easy removal.
- Remove any contamination and retrain staff on proper sorting.
- Increase signage to deter contamination.

MORE TIPS FOR COLLECTION
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REDUCE YOUR FOOD WASTE
Donate Edible Food:
- Work with a charitable or non-profit local organization to provide food to those in need.
- Visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles for a list of local food recovery organizations that accept food donations.

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What Can Go in the Green Cart?

**YES! : ALL FOOD SCRAPS**
Vegetables, Fruits, Meat, Eggs and Shells, Coffee Grounds, Bread, Cheese, Pasta, and All Food.

**NO! :** Yard Waste, Recyclables, Trash, Compostable Plastic, Hazardous Waste, Oil, and All Non-Food Items.
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<td>What will happen to my food scraps?</td>
<td>Food scraps will be taken to LA Sanitation to an anaerobic digester where it is fermented. The methane it creates is captured and used to create fuel and energy.</td>
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<td>Can I put Fats, Oil, or Grease (FOG) in my food scraps container?</td>
<td>NO, FOG need to be picked up by a specialty service that processes this material. Please continue to utilize the service previously used by your business before the pilot.</td>
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<td>Can I put foodware in my food scraps container?</td>
<td>NO, only food scraps can be placed in the container. All foodware, even those labelled &quot;compostable&quot; or &quot;biodegradable&quot; should be placed in your trash container.</td>
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<td>Can I put plants, flowers, or yard debris in my green cart?</td>
<td>NO, only food scraps can be placed in the container.</td>
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<td>Will a food scraps bin attract pests or cause odors?</td>
<td>Typically no more than your trash already does as this is the same material previously in your trash. Tips to reduce pests or odors: Keep collection containers clean and keep cart lids shut.</td>
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<td>What will I be charged for food scraps collection?</td>
<td>The pilot program will be free to participants. This is a mandatory service required by state law. At the completion of the pilot, the City will charge a rate determined by a cost of service study for the continuation of the service.</td>
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<td>Can I get additional food scraps carts if needed?</td>
<td>Each participant will be given one green 95-gallon cart. If additional carts are needed, please contact the City and we will come to your business to assess the need for additional carts.</td>
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<td>Who do I contact if I have questions about food scraps collection?</td>
<td>Please contact the City:</td>
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<td>• <a href="mailto:lborganics@longbeach.gov">lborganics@longbeach.gov</a></td>
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<td>• (562) 570- 2869</td>
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<td>More information can also be found on our website: longbeach.gov/lborganics</td>
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Contact the City to schedule a site visit.
Set up containers and signage based on the tips in this guide for a successful collection.
Train staff using tips in this guide and assign staff to monitor collection.
Monitor containers for contamination.
Call City staff for questions or issues with food scraps collection.
Follow tips to reduce food waste and set up food donation plan if needed.
Recognize staff for participation and program success!
Please contact us for more information, to schedule a site visit, or any other questions about the program.