



Commercial Food Waste Recycling

Food that ends up in the landfill doesn't always break down like it would if it was composted. In fact, a single head of lettuce can take up to **25 years to break down** in the landfill.

Got kitchen scraps? Let's keep them out of the landfill! With the City of Tacoma FoodCycling program, local businesses can sign up for an easy, affordable pickup of all solid food (raw or uncooked), including produce, deli, bakery goods, meats, and seafood. Tacoma's food waste is turned into nutrient-rich compost, which can then be used to grow more food.

Want to participate? Call (253) 502-2100. A Solid Waste service representative can answer questions, sign you up, and arrange for a site visit. We will check your space requirements and help you select a service level that meets your needs.

How does it work?

1. Collect food waste separately.
2. Empty food waste into your brown bin.
3. Set your bin out for scheduled pick-up.

Bins can be picked up once or twice per week, depending on the amount of food waste you generate. We also offer two different container sizes to meet your needs.

Container Size	Haul Frequency	2019 Monthly Rate*
60 gallon	Weekly	\$16.00
	Twice per week	\$32.00
2 yard	Weekly	\$71.82
	Twice per week	\$143.64

* Rates subject to change

