U-M Waste Management Services

Now offering pre/post consumer food waste composting services!

**Pre-consumer food waste** consists of fruit and vegetable trimmings, peelings, spoiled produce, coffee grounds, egg shells, and other ‘plain’ foods that have not been served to customers. Composting these materials began in 1997 and the program serves as the foundation upon which we have developed other composting programs on campus.

**Post-consumer food waste** consists of uneaten food, plate scrapings and compostable disposables. As this waste often contains fats and/or meats, different processes are required to compost these items without generating bad odors or attracting vermin. Recently, the local composting site began accepting these materials from U-M.

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**Our Services**

U-M Waste Management Services can collect pre- and post- consumer compostables from any location on campus. Our department will deliver collection carts and compostable liners for your use to your building’s loading dock or dumpster area. When filled, return the filled liners and carts to the same location they were dropped off at.

We currently collect compostables **every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning**.

The cost is $12.50/cart/pickup.

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**Training**

Interested in composting? Program participants are required to receive instructions and guidance on what is and is not acceptable in the program, staff training and how to mitigate contamination. U-M Waste Management Services reserves the right to withhold service from units that fail to be trained or address ongoing contamination issues.

**Contact Us:**
recycle@umich.edu
What’s Compostable?

Only disposable items that have **COMPOSTABLE** printed on them or meet the ASTM D6400 or D6868 standard are acceptable. **“Biodegradable” doesn’t equal “compostable.”**