



## COMMUNITY COMPOST PROGRAM

### Acceptable Waste

Participants are allowed to dispose of up to 5 gallons/week (volume is greater for commercial participants) of kitchen scraps, including but not limited to: meat, bones, veggies, fruit, cheese, bread, egg shells, coffee grounds, and other food scraps.

Participants are not allowed to dispose of yard waste, “compostable plastics,” or paper products – no exceptions!

A1 Organics, operator of a compost facility that serves the Front Range, has alerted all regional compost haulers that they will start rejecting compostables if a load contains even small amounts of plastic or other non-compostable materials. Haulers will be charged penalties and the contaminated compost will be sent to the landfill.

This change is the result of an increase in the volume of contaminated materials being sent to A1 for composting. **Non-compostable contaminants include glass, plastics, metals, stickers, twist ties, and rubber bands** used to bundle produce. These contaminants are difficult to remove once they are in the compost stream and can end up in finished compost, reducing soil quality and facilitating the spread of microplastics.

**Being extra careful when you're sorting waste into a compost bin can make a huge difference to our soils and our planet.**

### Recommended Containers

Participants should use an in-home compost container or a 5-gallon plastic bucket with lid and handle. Storing compost in the fridge or freezer in a small bowl helps prevent odors and pests. Bags can be used or frozen but must be removed when dumping food waste into the dumpster and cannot be dropped into the dumpster.



Counter top compost bin



5 gallon compost bin w/lid

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## Drop-Off Location

Participants may drop off kitchen scraps at any time at the EDS Waste Solutions drop-off facility behind King Soopers in Evergreen (1173 Bergen Pkwy, Evergreen, CO 80439). The compost bin is a 3-yard container near EDS' other larger compost dumpsters. There are three dumpsters close to the King Soopers building – ESA's bin is the last one on the right when you are looking at the back of the King Soopers building. A commercial hauler will collect food scraps for weekly transport to A1Organics commercial composting facility.

## Drop-Off Hours

Participants may drop off up to 5 gallons/week (or predetermined amount for commercial participants) of kitchen scraps at any time at the EDS Waste Solutions drop-off facility behind King Soopers. EDS Waste Solutions holds regular hours (subject to change) where the bin will be open from 10:00am-5:00pm on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and from 12:00-5:00pm on Thursdays and Sundays. They are closed on holidays and may close early due to inclement weather or slow business.

## Lock Combination

Participants will receive the lock combination in their confirmation email after signing up for a monthly payment to access the drop-off facility when EDS Waste Solutions is closed. Please treat this like a regular combination lock (past "0" three times, etc). ***Do not share this combination with anyone.*** The combo to the lock will change periodically so please check your email.

## Email Communication

Participants should remain subscribed to the Evergreen Sustainability Alliance's email list to ensure they receive important program information and updates on the lock combination.

Participants will receive an email in the spring to sign-up for their **free compost** from A-1 Organics to be picked up in mid-May.

## Payment

Participants will pay annually on or before September 1st of each year for use of the Community Compost Program for September 1-August 31. ESA members get one month free so cost is \$14/mo. Those joining late in the year will have their rate prorated. Please contact us ([info@sustainevergreen.org](mailto:info@sustainevergreen.org)) about prorating before payment. Payment is made directly to EDS Waste Solutions via PayPal or check sent to: EDS Waste Solutions, 16734 Golden Hills Rd, Golden, CO 80401.

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## Program Cost

Participants pay the following costs for compost service:

- **Commercial:** Rate varies, priced by volume after waste audit (see chart below)
- **Residential, ESA Non-Member:** \$15/month for up to 5 gallons/week
- **Residential, ESA Member:** \$14/month (price reflects one month free compost service) for up to 5 gallons/week

PRICING FOR COMPOSTING SUBSCRIBERS	
ESTIMATED GALLONS/WEEK	\$ PRICE/MONTH
Up to 5 (Residential Only)	\$15 or \$14*
Up to 10	\$25
11-15	\$37
16-20	\$49
21-25	\$62
26-30	\$74
31-35	\$86
36-40	\$98
41-45	\$111
46-50	\$123
51-60	\$148
61-70	\$172
71-80	\$197
81-90	\$221
91-100	\$246

\*Pricing depends on ESA Membership. Non-members pay \$15/mo. Annual members pay \$14/mo for one month of free composting services.

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## **Agreement**

All members agree to abide by the terms outlined in this agreement to participate in the Community Compost Program, facilitated in partnership by the Evergreen Sustainability Alliance and EDS Waste Solutions. Failure to comply with the terms of the agreement may result in termination of your participation in the Community Compost Program.

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