

King County Commercial Organics Resource Program



The Organics Management Law was recently passed to help meet Washington's climate goals. As of 2025, all businesses generating at least 4 cubic yards of organic material per week are required to divert this away from the landfill. At the landfill, this material breaks down and emits potent greenhouse gases. Through prevention and diversion, we can turn organic material into valuable resources for people and the environment.

As part of King County's Re+ initiative, the Commercial Organics Resource program helps businesses access opportunities to conserve resources, save money, and comply with the law. We are here to help you!

Requirements phase in over 3 years



What is organic material?

Organic material is any waste from produce, meat, dairy, fish, grains, or similar materials from storage, preparation, serving, or selling of food. Yard waste such as small sticks, grass, plants, and leaves are also included.



Where can it go instead of landfill?

Every business has unique opportunities to turn waste into resources! We can help you explore:

- Best practices for reducing waste and alternative uses for excess
- Food donation to local organizations
- Curbside pick-up to turn inedible waste into compost
- On-site composting, anaerobic digestion, and more!

Where do I start?

Get in touch! Visit our [website](https://kingcounty.gov/commercial-organics-diversion), email us at organics@kingcounty.gov, or call (206) 477-4466.



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