

City of
Gainesville

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USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Project

- First Grant Year
- 13 Projects Awarded
- 75/25 share
- Priority to Projects That
 - Demonstrate Economic Impact
 - Make Compost Easily Available
 - Integrates Other Food Recovery Efforts
 - Collaborates with Multiple Partners

Beaten Path Compost



- “Community” Composter
- Currently, Collects from Residential, Commercial, Drop Offs
- Able to Address the Two Main Issues with Composting: Contamination and Markets
- Works with Customers to Avoid Contamination and has High Demand for Compost

Community Composters



- Community Composters are Found throughout the Country
- They serve Rural and Urban Areas
- Contribute to the Local Circular Economy
- Generally, Work Outside of Municipal Programs
- For Residential Customers, Cost as Much as Garbage Service

Program Details

FOOD WASTE ONLY

What you CAN put in



What you Can't put in

- × NO Meat, Fish or Bones
- × NO Glass, Plastic, Foam, Metal or Foil
- × NO Dryer or Vacuum Lint
- × NO Pet Waste or Cat Litter
- × NO Garbage or Trash
- × NO Diapers or Toilet Paper
- × NO Clothing or Textiles
- × NO Rocks, Sand, Dirt, Lumber or Logs
- × NO Pills or Medications
- × NO Cleaning Wipes or Cleaning Chemicals

Beaten Path
Compost

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- Select Area that Will Add to Density of Collection for Contractor
- 200 Participants
- Neighbor Pays One Time \$50 Fee to Show Commitment to Program
- Grant Provides Bucket for Collection, Inside Home Container, Education, and Monitoring of Success
- Neighbor Receives Clean Bucket in Exchange Each Week
- Working Food will Assist with Marketing Materials including Tips on Food Reduction and Incorporation of Program in Their Education
- Grow Hub to Provide Land and Equipment as Necessary

Goals of Grant

- Increase Compost Sales by Beaten Path
- Maintain Participation Levels at 95%
- Keep Contamination Levels at Less than 2%
- Determine if Increased Density Can Reduce Costs of Service
- Determine if Multiple Community Composters Could Provide Service to Gainesville and Other Similarly Sized Communities

Thank You.