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**Gainesville**

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**Zero Waste Subcommittee**  
**Food Waste Ordinance Discussion**  
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# Ordinance Recommendations



## Definition

Solid wastes containing carbon compounds that are capable of being biologically degraded, including paper, food residuals, wood wastes, yard debris and plant wastes but not metals, glass or plastic.

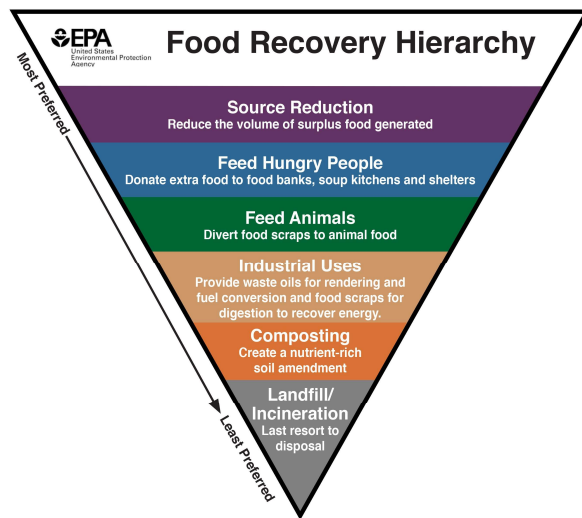
# Food Waste/Organics Diversion and Composting

Language allows for  
Infrastructure  
Development

## Who is Covered Initially:

Beginning **January 1, 2022** or such a later date as designated by the city manager or designee all commercial generators that regularly generate more than **one cubic yard of organic waste per week** shall divert them from the waste stream. All restaurants, food processors, and grocery stores shall be assumed to be required to meet this requirement unless capable of documenting otherwise.

# Food Waste/Organics Diversion and Composting



## Hierarchy Provision

Commercial generators of organic materials are encouraged to follow the hierarchy of beneficial use of scrap food which beginning with the most beneficial is:

- 1) Feed Hungry People
- 2) Feed Animals
- 3) Provide for Industrial Uses
- 4) Compost

# Organics Container Signage

Addressed in  
Commercial  
Ordinance Changes



# Food Waste Curbside

## Dates for Implementation

The City shall implement curbside **food waste collection** in the fiscal years below provided infrastructure and funding is available:

- **FY 21 & 22** - Pilot program to approximately 200 homes
- **FY 23** - Expand service to additional 2,500 single-family homes
- **FY 25** – Provide/offer service city-wide to single-family homes

# Food Waste

## Multi-Family Properties



Beginning in **Fiscal Year 2023**, the City shall implement pilot composting programs at Multi-Family Properties to determine the viability, best practices and effectiveness of food waste composting.

The City Commission shall decide the appropriate direction of the programs by **January 1, 2025**.

# Soil Amendments Ordinance

## Update

- Alachua County conducting study through the University of Florida to determine the safety of soil amendments using biosolids
- County will revisit Soil Amendment Ordinance after Study



**Thank You.**