



Residential Food Waste Recycling Pilot Program Extended to June 2013

Dear MB Resident: Congratulations! Based on the initial success of the 6-month residential food waste pilot, Waste Management and the City of Manhattan Beach have decided to extend the residential food waste pilot until June 30, 2013.

HOW DO I CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT?

To remain in the pilot, please continue to:

1. Line your kitchen food waste pail with compostable liners (Need more? See below).
2. Collect food waste scraps in the pail provided by WM at the program start.
3. When the pail is full, securely tie the food waste liner and place it directly in your green waste cart.

*** Un-bagged food waste, or food waste bagged in non-compostable (plastic) liners, cannot be collected.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTENDED FOOD WASTE PILOT?

The extended pilot program is only available to MB residents currently in the designated pilot area who already have a green waste container. There is no cost to participate in the pilot.

NEED MORE BIODEGRADABLE FOOD WASTE PAIL LINERS?

Food waste must be collected in biodegradable, compostable bags before being placed in the green waste pail. Residents can obtain additional bags by:



1. PICK UP:

 Bags will be distributed to pilot participants at no charge:

- Stop by the City of MB Public Work's City Yard (3621 Bell Avenue) during weekday business hours and request a box at the front desk.
- Visit the WM booth at the City's Earth Day event at Polliwog Park Saturday, April 27, 2013.

2. SHOP LOCAL:

 Residents can purchase bags locally at establishments such as Manhattan Market (1111 Manhattan Avenue) or Ralphs grocery store (2700 N. Sepulveda Boulevard).

3. PURCHASE ONLINE:

 Residents can purchase bags online. Search retail websites for "2.5 or 3 gallon compostable trash bags." Common brands include: BioBag, Eco-Safe, Pride Green, Bag to Nature, and Seventh Generation. Bags are available at many retail websites, including: amazon.com, homedepot.com, target.com, & greenerpaperproducts.com.

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WHICH CONTAINER DOES IT GO IN?

FOOD WASTE	RECYCLING	TRASH
		
<p>Fruits & Vegetables Meat / Poultry / Seafood (bones & shells) Bakery Items Coffee grounds, Filters, Tea Bags Milk, Juice, and Cartons (no plastic spouts) Ice Cream, Yogurt, Cottage Cheese, Eggs Paper Egg Cartons Paper Products (napkins & paper towels) Waxed Paper Products (corrugated and Paper) Plants & Cut Flowers Potting Soil</p> <p><i>*no grease, oil, or liquids</i></p>	<p>Office Paper and Junk Mail Cardboard Milk Cartons and food Boxes Plastic Bags Glass Bottles and Jars Plastic bottles Aluminum Cans Food Cans Empty Aerosol Cans Metal, Foil (clean)</p>	<p>Dirty Food Packaging/ Wrap Latex & Plastic Gloves Twist Ties, Rubber Bands, Wire Tape, Rope, Twine Ceramics and dishware Liquid Clothing Mirrors Wood or Lumber</p>

TIPS FOR MAKING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

- If you are unsure if an organic material can be recycled, it's better to throw it out with the regular garbage than risk contamination.
- Don't fill food waste bags to the same capacity as normal garbage. Compostable bags don't have the same strength as regular liners, and organic items tend to be heavier than most waste.
- Keep inside containers clean to reduce odor. Using compostable liners and odor reducers, and washing out the pail will help.
- While Waste Management drivers can assist with "quality control" of your outside containers, it is important for you to segregate your materials properly.

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Have questions? WM Experts are available to help. Simply call WM Customer Service at 310-830-7100, email askgreen@wm.com, or visit our website, manhattanbeach.wm.com.



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