

ELM CITY COMPOST

INITIATIVE

**Commercial Waste
Collection with
Elm City Compost**

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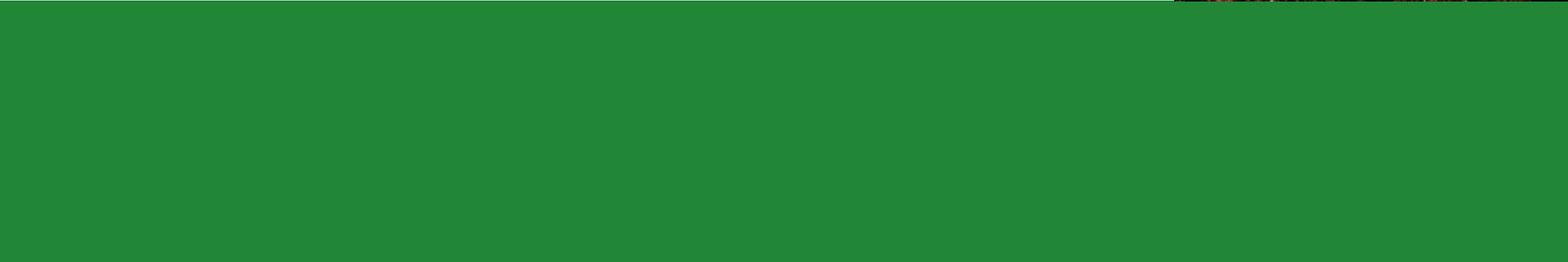
It is incredibly easy to compost with us - we can get you started in just five steps

SUSTAINABLE SWITCHES YOU CAN MAKE

You don't need to change anything before you start composting with us, but if you sign up and want to start diverting even more waste, we have plenty of resources and ideas

WHY YOU SHOULD

There are many amazing benefits to composting, we break it down into three categories; environmental benefits, societal benefits and community benefits



About Elm City Compost

We're Elm City Compost Initiative and we started this adventure during the summer of 2018. Co-founders Albert Diemand and Kira Wadsworth brought the first business of this kind to the city of Keene. We are a small, grassroots company with a mission to collect and divert all food & organic waste from businesses and residents to create a more sustainable city. We serve almost 200 residential customers and 14 Keene Area businesses.





COMPOSTING 101

What is Composting?

Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as lawn waste and food scraps, into a valuable soil amendment. Almost everything that was once alive can be composted.

What Can Be Composted with Elm City Compost?

- All food scraps
- Meat
- Dairy
- Bones & Shellfish Shells
- Cooking Oils
- Paper napkins & paper food containers
- Wax paper
- Flowers & plants
- Wooden utensils
- Coffee cups
- Compostable plastics (take-out containers, drink cups, plastic film, etc.)
- Tea bags & coffee grounds
- 100% natural latex, & rubber
- 100% cotton, linen, wool, and hem
- Yard waste (grass clippings & leaf waste)

HOW IT WORKS

1. You reach out to us (or we'll reach out to you) and you can tell us about your needs
2. We can meet with you to talk logistics
3. We provide you with a plan and a quote
4. We then supply outdoor waste bins, compostable liners, and "What to Compost" signage
5. We pick up your compost as often as needed and desired (1-2 times a week, or every other week)

Prices are custom & flexible, we will work with you!



WE CAN ALSO

- **Help you host zero waste events**
- **Conduct Waste Audits & Provide Waste Diversion Reports**
- **Provide Educational Services**



SUSTAINABLE SWITCHES

There are already so many things that you are throwing away on a daily basis that can be composted but here are some switches you can make to have our services be even more worth while.

Instead of:

Try:



Plastics (especially non-recyclable) & styrofoam

Paper, paperboard, compostable plastics, cardboard (no tape) and other plant-based materials

PRICING

Our prices are custom and flexible but these are some of the factors we consider when determining your quote:

What size toter you want :



We have three toter sizes:



Number of toters:

Some businesses decide they want less bins and more frequent pick-ups and some decide they want more bins and less frequent pick-ups, but the biggest factor in how many bins you need is how much food and organic waste your business produces. A great way to determine this is by having ECC conduct a waste audit of your business!

Number of pick-ups:

Does your business need your bins emptied weekly or bi-weekly, or do you need more assistance than once per week? We are willing to work with you to tailor our services to your needs.



WHY YOU SHOULD

Composting has many social and environmental benefits. We want to break these benefits down into three categories: the environment, our community and society as a whole.



THE ENVIRONMENT

Ways Composting Benefits the Environment:

- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Sequesters carbon
- Increases water retention
- Helps control erosion
- Helps revitalize & filter local water resources



OUR COMMUNITY

Ways We Can Benefit the Community:

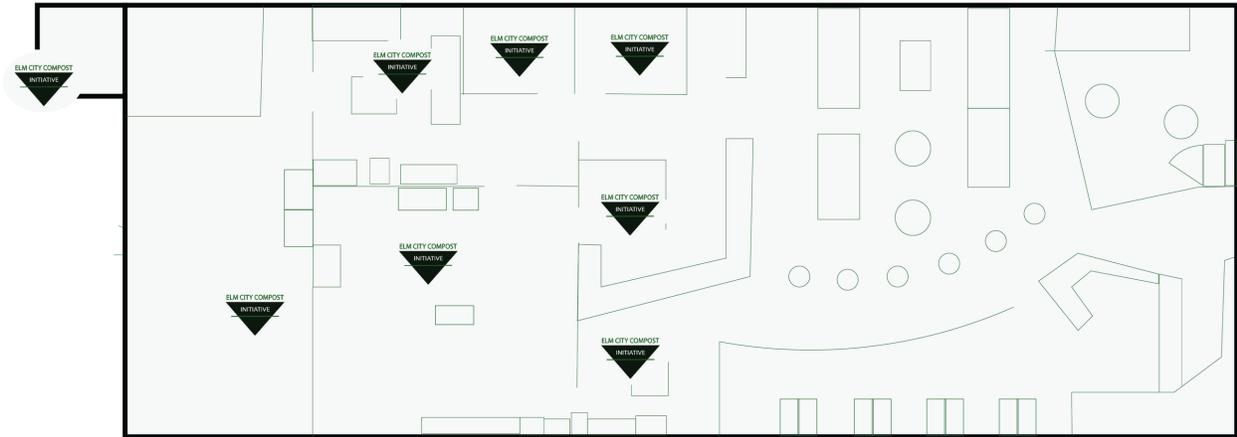
- It benefits our economy by creating green jobs and attracting people to the area (home owners are looking more and more for sustainable communities)
- Donate compost to Community Gardens
- Work with local farmers



SOCIETY AS A WHOLE

Societal Benefits of Composting:

- Builds stronger, more resilient food systems
- Produces healthier food
- Reduces the need for and use of landfills



From restaurants to dog groomers to
offices to coffee shops to apartment
buildings to florists to breweries to salons
– every business can benefit from
composting!

Let us help you do what you do
more sustainably.