



Interested in reducing your neighborhood's greenhouse gas emissions? Want to keep food waste out of the landfill? Join our Orange County composting program!

How does it work?

Our neighborhoods have large Compost Now bins where neighbors can drop off their food waste 24/7 at a location that's blocks from their house. Compost Now picks up the bins once a week and exchanges them for clean ones. The grant funding that we have pays for the Compost Now service and also pays for counter top bins that people can use to collect their food waste before bringing it to the larger bins.

What does an ideal neighborhood look like?

Neighborhoods need to be in Orange county and ideally have at least 50 households that can share one of the Compost Now bins.

What's required of you and your neighborhood?

If your neighborhood is interested, we would need to know you're interested before our next funding deadline, August 7. Once funded, expected in April 2027, we will need you (or a small leadership team you assemble) to advertise the program to your neighbors (educational materials provided), and to distribute the counter top bins to people who would like to use them. We anticipate that the majority of the work will be at the beginning of the program, perhaps 3 hours a week for the first month or two. Your neighborhood would need to provide a location for the Compost Now bins that's accessible by a truck.

What's the cost?

There's no cost to participants, and the grant pays for the Compost Now service and countertop bins for residents to collect their food waste. The only cost to the neighborhood would be in constructing an area for the bins to reside. Some neighborhoods just place bins at the street (no cost), while other neighborhoods have constructed small drop off sites that allows for signage. This can be as simple or elaborate as your neighborhood would like.

After the initial year, we may ask your neighborhood if they can pay for the Compost Now service. If so, that's wonderful. If not, we will continue to support your neighborhood as long as there is enough participation and we have grant funding to do so.

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Carrie Donley at cdonley33@gmail.com