



ABOUT SAGE

The *Save. Act. Grow. Earn.* (SAGE) Sustainable Business Program is your “one-stop-shop” for business sustainability. SAGE provides FREE and confidential advice, assistance, and resources that integrate sustainability into your business practices to help you identify and act on relevant economic, environmental, and social opportunities.

Benefits



Save Money

Cut costs through increasing operational efficiency



Gain Recognition

Responsible practices benefit customer and employee relations



Reduce Footprint

Minimize use of critical resources to benefit human health and the environment

COMPOST

SIMPLE ACTION GUIDE

Why Compost?

By composting you can keep items from the trash, which means less landfills which protects the beautiful Front Range landscape that we all value. Moreover, less food waste in landfills means less methane emitted into the air, helping reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions. Compost also supports the health of our soils by storing more carbon which improves agricultural production. Composting is as easy as adding an additional bin to your waste disposal system!

Composting 101

Set up a compost service: Within Westminster, Alpine Waste, Compost Colorado, and Republic Services all accept compost as part of their commercial services. Visit the City’s recycle website for a list of all providers.

Know before you throw: make sure you are aware of what waste materials your provider accepts and sorts as recycling, landfill, and compost. In general, the following are accepted by most commercial compost services:

- Food and plants (e.g., bread, fruit, vegetables, bones and meat)
- Papers (e.g., napkins, coffee filters, towels, colored paper)
- Certified “Compostable” products (e.g., cutlery, plates, cups) with logos like BPI and Eco-Products and with the letters “PLA” or “PLA 7”



Work with your staff: ensure janitorial staff are educated on what items are compostable and aware of best practices.

Don’t Waste These Resources! Make Composting Happen:

- Sign-up for free consulting sessions with Eco-Cycle to identify and implement a high-impact composting system.
- Educate employees and customers on how to sort compost by placing signs on/near bins. Make DIY signs or use SAGE pre-made posters
- Use the SAGE Bin Audit Tool to identify where your waste is going, then track and manage your waste with the EPA Portfolio Manager



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