



THE CITY OF ASPEN

## **Summer 2011 Restaurant Compost Pilot Program**

**About the program:** The City of Aspen received a grant from the State of Colorado to develop and build a food waste compost program in Aspen. As part of the grant, the Pitkin County Landfill purchased a large compost grinder to break down food and paper waste in preparation for composting. The Pitkin County Landfill is now accepting food and paper waste on a regular basis from all haulers in the Roaring Fork Valley.

**What does this mean for restaurants?** About 60% or more of an Aspen restaurant's trash is actually compostable. That means restaurants can save money and reduce their environmental footprint by composting. City of Aspen staff is working with local waste haulers to design and start a hauling service for restaurants.

### **How does a restaurant compost?**

**Step 1.** Separate food and paper waste from the trash in the restaurant. The City of Aspen has funding available to purchase inside collection bins for participating restaurants. We are also available to train your staff (in English or Spanish) on what is compostable.

**Step 2.** Transport the separated food waste to the outside collection bin. Local waste haulers will provide a bear proof collection bin and City staff will label these bins.

**Step 3.** The waste hauling company will set a pick up schedule for that bin. The bin will be emptied and taken to the Pitkin County Landfill for processing.

**Step 4.** Need soil for a project? The finished product, rich soil, is available for purchase year round at the Pitkin County Landfill.

**How much does it cost?** City staff is collecting names of restaurants that are interested in participating. Once we have more information, waste haulers will be able to provide pricing information. A restaurant that successfully diverts 60-70% of its trash into the compost bin will save money on their trash bill.

**Contact.** Please call or email to let us know if your restaurant is interested. Ashley Cantrell, program manager, is available at 429-1798 or [ashleyc@ci.aspen.co.us](mailto:ashleyc@ci.aspen.co.us).



96 gallon tote,  
commonly used for compost collection



21 gallon half round trash can,  
used for inside collection



Trash and compost bins at Bumps restaurant, winter 2011.

# COMPOST PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS



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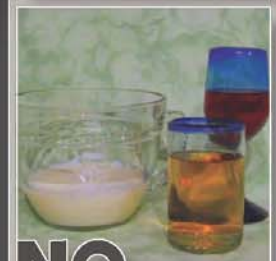
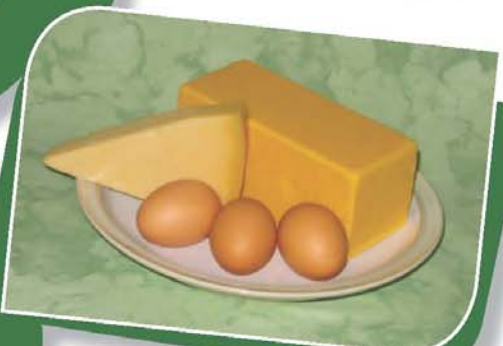
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Styrofoam  
Espuma Plástica



**NO**  
Glass · Metal · Plastic  
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**NO**  
Coated or Plastic Plates  
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**NO**  
Liquids  
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