

# CONGREGATION <sup>TO</sup> COMPOST

## What is this project?

The Congregation to Compost project is a Clark County partnership with faith-based organizations to establish community composting centers to serve the organization, congregation members and neighborhood residents.

## How does it work?

The house of worship will receive compost collection containers provided by Waste Connections of WA and paid for by Clark County Solid Waste during the pilot period (six months).

- Participants will have access to a free lidded bucket to collect kitchen food scraps.
- When participating households come to the place of worship, they will dump their food scraps into the compost cart.
- Waste Connections will service the cart and deliver the food scraps to Dirt Hugger.

## Why is this important?

By participating in this project, you will be turning your kitchen food scraps into compost, a rich soil amendment, to be used by gardeners and farmers in the Pacific Northwest.

Washington state and Clark County have set a goal of cutting food waste in half by 2030. Your kitchen and the Congregation to Compost program play an important role towards meeting that goal.



## YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP CAN BE A LEADER

Some of you may already be keeping food waste out of the landfill by composting in your backyards, with worm bins, sharing it with other composters or adding to your organics curbside carts if allowed (Cities of Ridgefield and Vancouver).

To make composting easy, convenient and free, your place of worship could launch an effort to collect food scraps. We need at least 30 households to participate at each house of worship and/or surrounding neighborhoods to justify the cost of servicing the food waste cart.

By contributing food scraps to this program, you will be part of a larger movement to keep valuable nutrients out of the landfill and transform them into richer, healthy soil.



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## HOW IT WORKS



- 1 The house of worship will receive free compost collection containers



- 2 Every member who wants one will receive a lidded bucket to collect kitchen food scraps



- 3 Participating households will dump their food scraps into the compost collection container at the house of worship



- 4 Waste Connections will service the containers and deliver the food scraps to Dirt Hugger



## Food Scrap Guide

### Tips for successful food waste management:

- Keep food scraps indoors in a cool place. If you have room, try freezing or refrigerating food scraps until you take them to your place of worship to dump into the cart.
- Clean your food scrap bucket regularly.

### YES

Cooked or raw meat  
Seafood  
Bones  
Cheese  
Egg shells  
Vegetables  
Baked goods  
Grains  
Fruits  
Coffee grounds

### NO

Grease  
'Compostable' or 'Biodegradable' service-ware  
Paper towels or plates  
Plastic bags  
Glass  
Styrofoam  
Pet waste

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