

# Food Recycling For Events

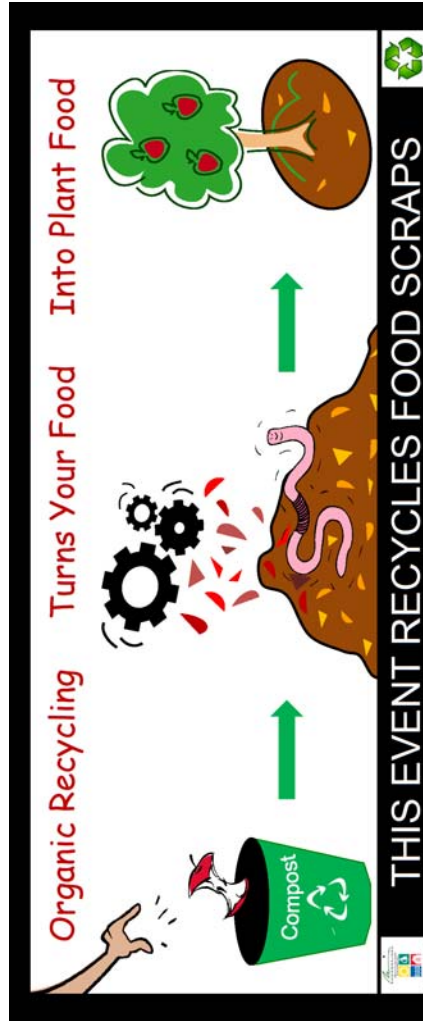


Food scraps from the Great American Cleanup were composted.

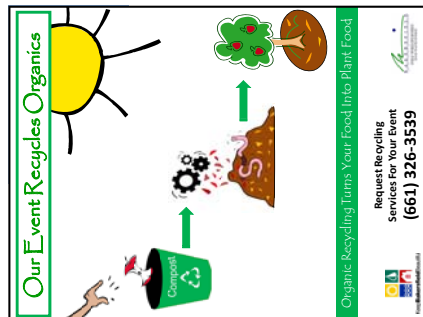
Keep Bakersfield Beautiful had the first zero waste event in Bakersfield in April 2010. Food and paper plates were composted. Bottles and cans were recycled. Green event planning makes zero waste possible.

The City of Bakersfield has an award winning compost & recycling facility. Local farmers use compost produced at this facility to feed crops that eventually feed us. Items that may be composted at a facility may be different than what may compost at home.

The City of Bakersfield asks event organizers to cash in bottles and cans collected at their events for their own use as they see fit.



Banner



Sandwich Board Sign

Sandwich board signs and banners may be made available upon request for an event that composts using the City of Bakersfield-Keep Bakersfield Beautiful event recycling kit.



## Special Event Recycling Services



# Recycle Organics



Green Bag  
Made From Corn  
Is Compostable!



## Organic Recycling Is Composting.

Composting is a natural process that breaks down organic things. Compost is great to add to soil to help gardens and crops thrive.

### Things that will compost include:

- **Food Scraps**  
Fruit, vegetables, bread, and meat.
- **Paper/Wood With Food Stains**  
Paper plates, napkins, popsicle sticks, etc.
- **Compostable Products**  
A coordinator may green up an event by using eco-friendly tableware, utensils, and other food service items made out of paper or a compostable material, such as corn or potato starch, bagasse, and bamboo. Call 326-3539 if you would like help finding green products.

# Recycle Bottles & Cans



## Recycling Makes A Difference.

According to earth911.com

- **Recycle Aluminum & Steel Cans**  
In 2007, 54 billion cans were recycled, saving the energy equivalent of 15 million barrels of crude oil – America's entire gas consumption for one day.
- **Recycle # 1 & # 2 Plastic Bottles**  
Recycling a single plastic bottle can conserve enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for up to six hours.
- **Recycle Clear, Green & Brown Glass**  
A glass bottle can take up to one million years to breakdown.



# Rethink What Trash Is



## Garbage At A Green Event Include:

- Styrofoam or polystyrene
- Plastic bag (recyclable at many stores)
- Plastic wrap
- Chips bag
- Diaper

