

**From the Orange County Solid Waste Management Dept. website:**

The Orange County Solid Waste Management Department is responsible for operating the Orange County Landfill, Orange County Solid Waste Convenience Centers and Orange Community Recycling Programs. <http://orangecountync.gov/recycling/index.asp>

**Commercial Recycling**

Orange County operates recycling programs for the commercial sector, however these services have limited coverage. Where available, Commercial Recycling services are provided at no direct cost to participating businesses. Call (919) 968-2788 or email us to find out if your business is eligible for the commercial recycling program or food waste collection program described below.

**Commercial Food Waste Collection**

Orange County Solid Waste Management operates an Organics Recycling Program that diverts nearly 2,000 tons of food waste and other compostable organic material from landfill disposal each year. Collection and composting service is performed by our contractor, Brooks Contracting. This program accepts source separated organic materials such as kitchen and produce department prep waste, post-consumer plate waste, and other compostable organic materials from local restaurants, grocery stores, and food service establishments for composting. The finished compost is available to purchase locally at the Orange County Landfill and Southern States in Carrboro.

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**Solid Waste Management Education and Outreach Services**

Orange County Solid Waste Management (OCSWM) offers education services to schools, businesses, not-for-profits, faith-based organizations, civic groups, governmental organizations, and the public. Services include landfill tours, compost education and compost bins for sale, waste assessments, information and display at special events, newsletters, and regular columns and advertisements in local media.

If you would like to receive our monthly e-newsletter for up to date information about special events, schedule changes and other timely recycling and solid waste related issues, click [here](#) to subscribe.

OCSWM provides printed outreach material that describes our programs and services, and access to our extensive library of solid waste publications, local and national article archives and videos.

**Composting Education**

According to the EPA, up to 70% of the municipal solid waste stream is made up of organic material including paper as well as food and yard waste and textiles. OCSWM encourages businesses, institutions, and individuals to 'starve the landfill and feed the soil' by composting their organic wastes including yard waste, kitchen scraps any wet paper like used paper towels. Visit the Composting Resources page for more information about home composting.