Anchorage Organics Recycling

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Anchorage Trash & Recycling

- Annual garbage disposed at Anchorage Regional Landfill: 300,000 tons
- Commodities recycling processed by WestRock: 24,000 tons per year
- Estimated ARL closure: 2063

Why Organics?

- Makes up 25 percent of all residential solid waste
- Estimate 50,000 tons of material per year for residential collection
- 40,000 tons commercial collection
- Recommended item in both SWS Master Plan and MOA Climate Action Plan
- Requested by the community
- Stays local

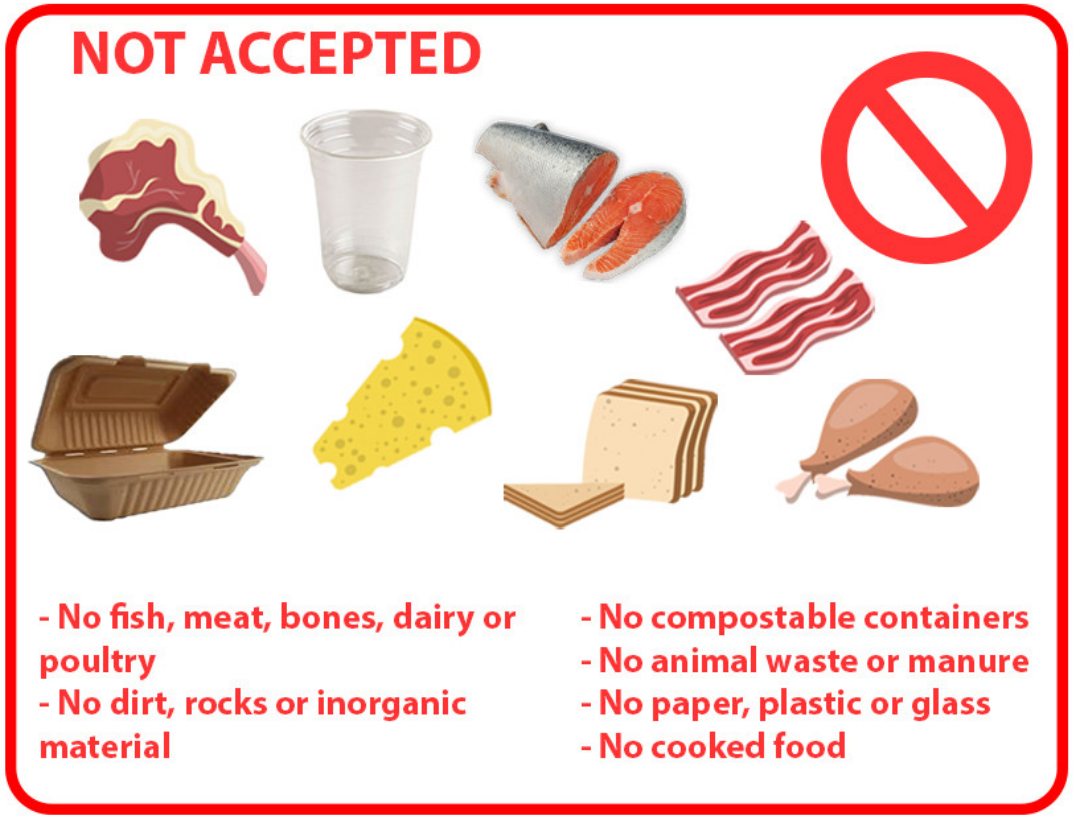
Solid Waste Services Organics Collection

Curbside Organics

Community Compost

ASD Organics

ACCEPTED MATERIALS
- Fruit & Veggie Scraps
- Coffee Grounds
- Egg Shells
- Compostable Bags
- Yard Debris (Curbside ONLY)


NOT ACCEPTED
- No fish, meat, bones, dairy or poultry
- No dirt, rocks or inorganic material
- No compostable containers
- No animal waste or manure
- No paper, plastic or glass
- No cooked food

WHAT WE TAKE

CURBSIDE ORGANICS

- Commingled collection of food scraps and yard trimmings
- Pink cart program
- Followed a 2017 “yard waste” pilot

2019 Curbside Organics

- 800 SWS participants
- 109 Alaska Waste Participants
- 271 tons collected
- Average 20 pounds per household, per week

ANC Community Compost

- Started in 2016
- Two locations
- Free drop-off for food scraps
- “Leave a Bucket, Take a Bucket”
- 143 yards of compost distributed

2016: 7 → 2017: 22 → 2018: 49 → 2019: 26

ASD Organics

- Partnership with Central Recycling Services
- 11 schools, weekly collection
- Collecting 2,000 pounds per week
- Gives us insight on institution level collection

Thank you!

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