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Cities Expand Food Scrap Recycling Program Outreach
Ultimate goal is 75% diversion from landfill

Several cities in Alameda County are expanding outreach to encourage more participation in a food scrap recycling program, StopWaste.Org announced today. The cities include Fremont, Newark, Union City, Castro Valley, Emeryville, San Leandro, Oakland, Alameda and Albany.

Food scraps and food-soiled paper are the largest unrecycled portion of the residential waste stream in Alameda County, making up about 38 percent of what households throw away.

Residents collect food scraps and food-soiled paper such as paper towels and napkins, then put the food scraps into their yard waste carts for weekly pickup.

"Participants turn what would normally be going to local landfills into compost," said Robin Plutchok, program manager at StopWaste.Org.

Collected food scraps are turned into compost, a valuable product used by local farmers, and landscapers to enrich the soil and grow healthier crops.

Plutchok noted that food scrap recycling has shown great promise and is crucial to helping Alameda County meet its goal of reducing the amount of waste going to landfill by 75 percent.

For a list of items that can be recycled and participating cities, see the attached FAQ.

For photos or to speak with a program manager, please contact John Chilson at (510) 238-2754 or media@stopwaste.org.