

Sign Up To Reduce Food Waste!

Did you know that up to 40% of the food supply in the U.S. gets wasted? The billions of pounds of wasted food are a drain on our agricultural and financial resources, but also come with an environmental cost. When food waste ends up in landfills, it decomposes and releases methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

You can help reduce food waste going to the landfill and keep climate-change-causing gasses out of our atmosphere. The City of Gainesville is looking for eco-conscious neighbors to sign up for this unique, 18-month pilot food-waste reduction program. Program participants will be able to recycle organic materials such as food scraps and food-waste papers. The total number of participants for this pilot program is limited and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



How Will It Work?

- Program participants will each receive one, 5-gallon, yellow bucket to store and use for food-waste collection. Each bucket has a tight lid to also seal in odors.
- Program participants will also receive one, 2-gallon kitchen pail with an attached lid. This smaller container is ideal for easy access under or near your kitchen sink while preparing food or cleaning up after meals.
- The yellow bucket will be collected **weekly** curbside by Beaten Path Compost, a local community composter. The food waste material will be added to their managed compost pile. Over time, it will transform into a high-quality soil amendment (compost) for use in gardens and farms.



How Much Does It Cost?

- Nothing.
- This 18-month pilot program is funded through a USDA and City of Gainesville grant.

Program starts in April, so don't delay. Sign up Today!



To find out more about this food waste pilot program, please visit [CityofGainesville.org/FoodWaste](https://www.cityofgainesville.org/FoodWaste) or call 352-334-2330.

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Are you ready to take a bite out of food waste?



**Sign up today at
[CityofGainesville.org/FoodWaste](https://www.cityofgainesville.org/FoodWaste)**

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