

# Composting in Palo Verde

## What is composting?

- Composting is nature's recycling — a process which **diverts food scraps and green waste** from landfills to be repurposed for other uses.
- Composted food scraps are anaerobically digested to **generate electricity** for our local water treatment plant.



## Why compost?

- Food is the **largest single source of waste** in California, making up **15.5 percent** of the waste stream.
- Composting takes us one step closer to achieving our goal of **Zero Waste by 2020!**

## Composting in your Apartment:

- A **bag dispenser** has been installed in the 6200 & 7400 trash enclosures with compostable bags to **line your container**.
- **Composting bins** that can be used on your counter top or under your sink will be available at the front desk and at the upcoming PV programs in limited quantities.

## Follow these simple instructions to participate!

1. Line your kitchen container with a compostable bag.
2. Fill the bin with approved kitchen scraps (see list) as you go about your day and prepare food.
3. When the bag is full, remove it and drop it in your designated organic compost bin in the 6200 & 7400 trash enclosures.



## Acceptable Kitchen Scraps:

- ◆ All fruits and vegetables
- ◆ Meat, poultry & fish
- ◆ Bones
- ◆ All dairy products
- ◆ Fats & oils
- ◆ Bread & grains
- ◆ Flowers
- ◆ Coffee grounds & filters
- ◆ Tea bags
- ◆ Soiled paper products & napkins

## DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ◆ Twist ties or rubber bands
- ◆ Plastic bags
- ◆ Plastic bottles
- ◆ Aluminum
- ◆ Glassware
- ◆ Styrofoam
- ◆ Ceramics



# Compost



## All Food



## Food-Soiled Paper



Thank you for helping us compost!

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