



Yard Debris & Food Scraps

The organic materials collected from household green carts across Alameda County are a source of nourishment for our local soil. Davis Street is closing the loop on this material. We send it to our composting facility at the Redwood Landfill & Recycling Center and return it as Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)-listed compost to our WM EarthCare Landscape Center.

With more than 1,000 tons of organics passing through our LEED™ Gold Organics Processing and Transfer Facility daily, we also send material to third-party composters. At our composting facility in Marin County, yard trimmings and food scraps are ground and then arranged in windrows (piles about 4' high; 8' wide and 200' long) to begin composting. Composting involves providing an ideal environment for microbes combined with oxygen and water to break down – or rot – the feedstock.

As the microbes break down your peach pits, spoiled vegetables, bones, leaves and branches, they generate heat that is crucial for killing pathogens and weed seeds. Temperatures within compost piles can reach as high as 160°. After 17 weeks, the result is a stable, decomposed, organic material called humus. This well-balanced, nutrient-rich, dirt-like substance is ready for use in gardens and farms.

Using compost in your landscape helps to nourish your soil and plants naturally. You are also nurturing our planet by using recycled materials instead of chemical fertilizers and herbicides.

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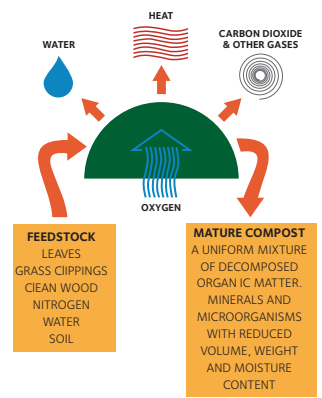
Davis Street diverts nearly 296 million pounds of yard trimmings and food scraps for composting each year.

MATERIAL MATTERS

WM EarthCare returns OMRI-listed compost for organic farming to its seven Bay Area landscape centers, helping to close the loop on local materials.



WINDROW CROSS SECTION



Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex

2615 Davis Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Hours of Operation:
MON – FRI: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
SAT: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
SUN: Closed

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