

WELCOME TO SAN MARINO

COMPOST GIVE AWAY

Thank you for participating in the compost giveaway event! Athens is proud to

play a positive part of the recycling loop. Our compost is made from organic material and is very nutrient rich. So please remember a 4 to 1 ratio – 4 part dirt, 1 part compost – when you apply this organic soil amendment to your favorite planter. This “compost-mulch blend” is very suitable for Southern California’s climate - it will help retain moisture and grow healthy plants. **Happy Gardening**

- Currently food waste accounts for approximately 15% to 20% of all landfill waste in California.
- A typical restaurant generates more than 50 tons of food waste per year.
- Food waste that is not composted generally goes directly to a landfill.
- To date, landfills are in closure or will be closed within 5 to 10 years and landfill tipping fees are increasing.
- As landfills fill up and close at an alarming rate, waste disposal and tipping fees to the businesses and institutions generating the waste will continue to climb.
- More than 30 million tons of food scraps were generated in 2007, accounting for 20 percent of the Municipal Solid Waste stream in the United States. This percentage can be much higher for tourist intensive areas.
- More than 72 percent of all materials entering landfills are bio-degradable and can be diverted through composting.
- Composting provides a way in which solid wastes, water quality, and agricultural concerns can be joined.
- An increasing number of communities, businesses, institutions, and individuals are expected to turn to composting to divert materials from landfills to lower waste management costs and slow down landfill capacity issues.
- Although waste stream managers view composting primarily as a means to divert materials from disposal facilities, the environmental benefits, including reduction in water pollution, and the economic benefits to farmers, gardeners, and landscapers can be substantial.



Food Waste



Organic Compost

