

COMPOSTING IN THE PUGET SOUND REGION

PCC Community Markets is committed to sustainable packaging that considers both human health and environmental impacts. Our region is a national leader when it comes to composting but it can get complicated. So, we're breaking it down for our Puget Sound neighbors to encourage them to keep up the good work.

COMPOSTING BY THE NUMBERS



"Biodegradable" and "compostable" are not the same and often cause confusion among Seattleites, costing **millions of dollars** in misplaced waste removal.¹

28X MORE

Food waste and scraps that end up in landfills decompose and release methane, a greenhouse gas that is about **28 times more** potent than carbon dioxide removal.²

Over **99%** of single family households in King County can now recycle food scraps and food soiled paper in their curbside yard waste bins.³

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Over **18,000 tons** of food waste were diverted from landfills in our region in 2018.⁴

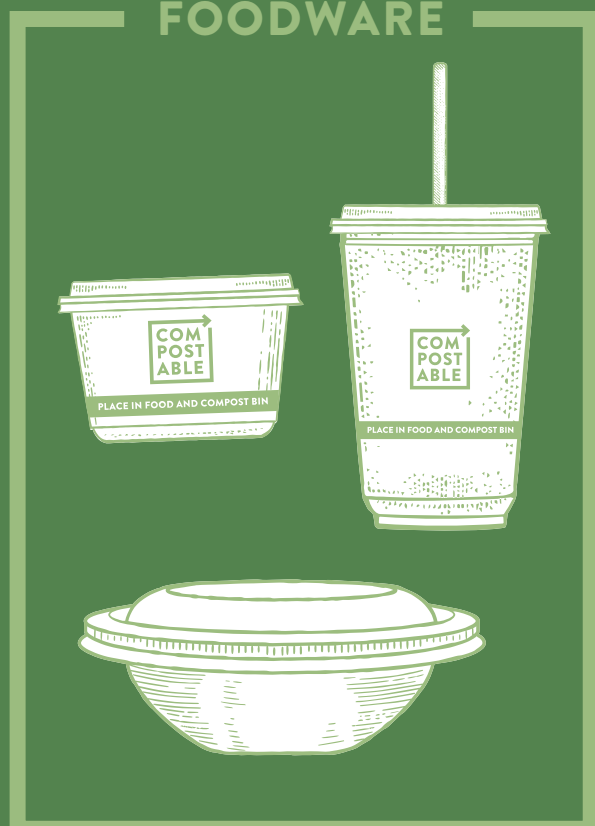
Seattle's waste generation rate dropped to an all-time low of **2.16 pounds per person** per day in 2018 — one of the **lowest rates in the country**.⁵

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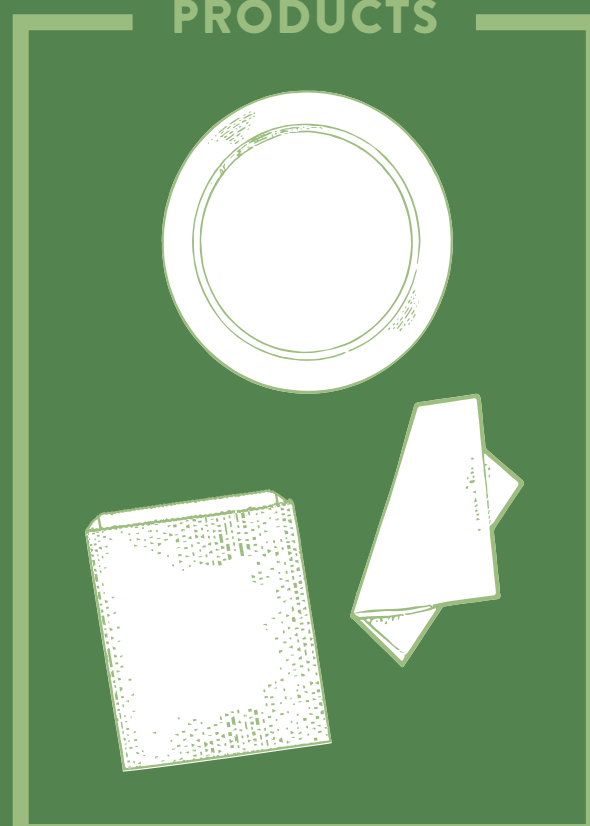
COMPOSTABLE FOODWARE



FOOD WASTE



SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS



We recommend checking with your garbage and recycling hauler for more information about your area's collection service.

PCC COMMUNITY MARKETS' COMMITMENT

PCC Community Markets is striving to reduce its environmental impact by setting a goal to eliminate all petroleum-based plastics in our delis by 2022.

By introducing our compostable deli containers in 2019, PCC Community Markets will eliminate more than 8 million pieces of petroleum-based plastic packaging from the supply chain each year. This accounts for more than 80 percent of the plastic packaging used in PCC's scratch-made deli.

Please visit PCC Community Markets' website for more information on our efforts to eliminate petroleum-based plastics and commitment to sustainability, as well as Seattle Public Utilities' website for more information on their composting and recycling program.

¹ <https://www.kuow.org/stories/if-it-says-biodegradable-it-might-not-be-compostable> ² <https://www.epa.gov/lmop/basic-information-about-landfill-gas> ³ <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnwp/solid-waste/garbage-recycling/compost-more/food-collection.aspx> ⁴ http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/Documents/Recycling_Rate_Report_2018.pdf ⁵ http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/Documents/Recycling_Rate_Report_2018.pdf