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Fertile Earth Receives Authorization for Food-to-Food Recycling in Palm Beach County

New program gives businesses a practical way to divert eligible food scraps to local farms, supporting agriculture while reducing waste.

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Businesses, institutions, schools, and other commercial food generators in Palm Beach County now have a new opportunity to divert eligible pre-consumer food scraps through a Food-to-Food Recycling Program. Since a new resolution passed in 2025, Fertile Earth is the first company in the county to qualify and receive authorization from the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County to collect eligible food scraps and deliver them directly to participating animal farms for use as feed. By creating a new pathway for eligible food scraps, the program supports both local agriculture and the development of a stronger circular economy throughout the region.

Fertile Earth's program represents an important step to reduce food waste, support local agriculture, and expand practical sustainability initiatives in Palm Beach County by directing surplus food to its highest and best use before disposal.

“Our goal has always been to help communities recover the greatest possible value from surplus food,” said Dr. Lanette Sobel, CEO of Fertile Earth. “We’re honored to have been granted this authorization for the Food-to-Food Recycling Program to help Palm Beach County businesses recover valuable food resources while supporting local farms.”

Participating businesses may recycle eligible pre-consumer vegan food scraps, including produce trimmings, bread, grains, fruits, vegetables, and other plant-based food materials. Meat, dairy products, flowers, compostable bags,



Eligible food scraps diverted through Fertile Earth's Food-to-Food Recycling Program are used as animal feed.

disposable serviceware, and other non-approved materials are not accepted through the program.

For more than 18 years, Fertile Earth has partnered with businesses, municipalities, schools, farms, restaurants, supermarkets, sports venues, and institutions throughout South Florida to develop practical food recovery and organics recycling programs that reduce waste while supporting environmental stewardship.

Businesses interested in participating in Fertile Earth's Food-to-Food Recycling Program are encouraged to contact Fertile Earth for additional information.

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About Fertile Earth

Founded in 2008, Fertile Earth is South Florida's largest commercial composting company, serving businesses, municipalities, schools, farms, and residents throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and the Florida Keys. Through food recovery, animal feed partnerships, and composting, the company helps transform surplus organic materials into valuable resources while promoting sustainable waste management, environmental education, and healthier communities.

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