

Overview: Buncombe County Employee Composting Program

Process for Implementation (Piloted first in one building):

- Identified a hauler to service the compost cart on a weekly basis to be processed
 - Hauler processes compost material and sells it
 - County is currently assessing feasibility for in-house processing and permitting
- County worked with janitorial staff (with some contract amendments) to incorporate compost bin servicing within the building into their daily duties
- Educated the county staff
 - Lunch & Learns
 - Signage
 - Handouts
 - Emails
- Compost bins available at every desk, break room, and bathroom in place of trashcans

Educational Content

Email Language

“The deskside composting program has now been implemented in the 200 College building. By today, all deskside trash cans in individual offices and workspaces will have been converted to compost collection cans, denoting the contents with a “COMPOST” sticker. Please dispose of all organics (acceptable items can be found [here](#)) in these deskside bins and dispose of any trash in the communal trash cans which have not been changed or moved. As a reminder, if there is trash in your deskside compost bin, it will not be emptied by janitorial staff moving forward. If you have any questions, please contact recycling@buncombecounty.org. Thanks again for your participation in this program and for working together to reduce our greenhouse gas impact in the Buncombe community.”

Lunch & Learn

Educational Materials

Posters & Handouts

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/common/solidwaste/composting-sign.pdf>