



# Citywide Composting Pilot Program

## Feedback Tour June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 - July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

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Survey: Open from June through July 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

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### Background

The Citywide Composting Initiative Pilot Program aims to divert household food waste to composting, focusing on equity and sustainability. FUSE Corps, a national non-profit organization that partners with local governments to address pressing challenges, is spearheading this initiative in Albuquerque by sponsoring Matthew Fien Gretton as FUSE Executive Fellow for a one-year project development period within the City of Albuquerque Sustainability Office. The fellow is tasked with designing a program that effectively addresses the community's needs and preferences. To better understand community needs and preferences, the fellow conducted a Listening Tour November 2023 to February 2024. The core question for this work is: How to design a composting program within the constraints of available resources and current policy that maximizes participation and benefits while addressing the unique challenges faced by Albuquerque residents?

### Feedback Tour Overview

To gather comprehensive community feedback, the fellow conducted a series of meetings and tabling events paired with an online survey. The goal was to capture detailed comments and insights that would inform the final design of the Pilot Program. A total of 58 people attended the meetings, and we engaged an additional 80 people during tabling sessions at the Albuquerque Botanic Garden and First Unitarian Church EarthNet Festival.





### Facilitator

Matthew Fien Gretton, FUSE Corps Fellow in the City's Sustainability Office

### Agenda

- Opening and introduction
  - History of the project, its relation to the 2021 Climate Action plan and the Mayor's climate agenda, and FUSE Corps.
- Design constraints and past public comment
  - Brief overview of past listening sessions and discussions with working groups.
- Current program design
  - Description of the current project design and the reasoning around different models of implementation.
- Feedback and Q&A
  - Opened the floor to comment.
- Closing
  - Matt closed by encouraging participants to respond to the online survey.

### Listening Session Meeting List

Date	Time	Location	# Participants
June 3	5:00 pm	International District Library	0
June 4	5:00 pm	International District Library	0
June 5	10:30 am	Main Library (Downtown)	0
June 10	4:30 pm	Erna Fergusson Library	4
June 11	5:00 pm	Erna Fergusson Library	8
June 18	5:00 pm	Tony Hillerman Library	10
June 24	4:00 pm	Zoom	15
June 25	6:00 pm	Matt's Mushroom Farm	8
July 1	5:00 pm	International District Library	7
July 2	5:00 pm	International District Library	6

### Summary of Feedback

#### Overview

Feedback Tour Attendees (58 total, 43 in-person, 15 virtual)





### Perceived Benefits of Composting

Participants highlighted several key benefits of composting, including environmental, community, and economic advantages. Environmentally, composting reduces landfill waste and methane emissions, enriches soil, and supports local landscaping. From a community perspective, it promotes education, inclusivity, and resident engagement in sustainable practices. Economically, it converts waste into a valuable resource and reduces costs for waste management and landscaping.

### Perceived Challenges

Participants also noted several challenges to composting. Convenience emerged as a significant concern, with a preference for curbside pickup and worries about limited drop-off locations. Sanitation issues, such as odors, pests, and contamination, were also prominent. Additionally, there was a need for better public engagement through education and incentives to boost participation.

### Role of Businesses

Community feedback emphasized the importance of involving businesses in composting. Participants suggested mandatory participation for businesses, especially those with significant food waste. Businesses can raise awareness through marketing and hosting composting sites, and incentives like tax breaks can encourage their participation.

### Pilot Design Preferences

When discussing pilot design preferences, participants favored curbside pickup for its convenience and expressed a willingness to pay more for this service. The Green Hub model, which entails combining other services at key community centered sites, seemed to be valued for its community and educational benefits, and received slightly greater support than any other model after weighing of preferences was accounted for. Drop-off sites were the least favored option due to lower convenience and engagement.

### Community Recommendations

To improve the program, the community recommended expanding services by increasing curbside pickups and drop-off sites and providing convenient waste containers. They also stressed the importance of boosting education through better public outreach and offering incentives to increase participation. Utilizing existing services and infrastructure for efficiency was another key suggestion.

### Common Themes – by question

#### **What do you see as the main benefits of sending food waste to composting instead of a landfill for your local community?**

**Environmental Benefits:** Composting reduces landfill waste and methane emissions, contributing to a cleaner environment and combating climate change. It enriches soil with nutrients and minerals, which is beneficial for public parks, community gardens, and residential landscaping.

**Community and Social Benefits:** Composting programs promote education and awareness about waste management, fostering a sense of community and collective responsibility towards environmental sustainability. There is a strong call for making composting accessible to all residents, including those in apartments, to ensure equity and inclusiveness.





**Practical and Economic Benefits:** Composting repurposes food waste into a valuable resource, supporting local agriculture and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. It can save money on waste management and landscaping costs, and providing free compost can benefit community health and well-being.

### **Ranking of Pilot Designs**

**Convenience and Participation:** Design 3 (Curbside Pickup) is considered the most convenient and has the highest potential for participation because it requires minimal effort from residents. Many respondents believe that ease of use is crucial for widespread adoption, as people are more likely to participate if it doesn't require significant effort or travel.

**Community Engagement and Education:** Design 2 (Green Hub Model) is valued for its potential to build community and provide educational opportunities. Respondents appreciate the idea of combining food waste drop-off with other community services and activities, which can encourage people to learn more about composting and environmental sustainability while accessing other resources.

**Environmental Impact and Practical Concerns:** Design 1 (Drop-off at Community Centers) and Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off) are seen as having potential environmental benefits by centralizing collection and reducing the number of individual car trips. However, some respondents are concerned about the practicality and potential inconvenience of these designs, particularly for those without easy access to transportation. There are also concerns about sanitation and proper handling of food waste in all designs, but especially for curbside pickup.

### **Other potential challenges or concerns?**

**Convenience and Accessibility:** Many respondents expressed concerns about the inconvenience of transporting food waste to drop-off sites, suggesting that curbside pickup would be more effective. There were worries about the limited number of drop-off locations and the need to ensure that all areas of Albuquerque, including the southwest side, are included.

**Sanitation and Contamination:** Respondents were concerned about the potential for sanitation issues, such as unpleasant odors and the attraction of pests like cockroaches and rodents. There were also significant worries about contamination, with inappropriate materials being included in the compost and the potential spread of diseases if food waste is not handled properly.

**Public Awareness and Participation:** A recurring theme was the need for public education to ensure that residents know what can and cannot be composted, and to encourage participation by overcoming the "ick" factor associated with handling food waste. Concerns were raised about the general public's willingness to participate due to perceived inconvenience and lack of immediate personal benefit. Some suggested incentivizing participation through discounts or changes to the solid waste system.

### **What is your willingness to pay in order to participate in each program version?**

**Curbside Collection (Design 3) Has the Highest Willingness to Pay:** Many respondents are willing to pay for the convenience of curbside collection, with some indicating they would pay up to \$20-\$40 per month. This design is seen as the most convenient and therefore justifies a higher fee.

**Moderate Willingness to Pay for Green Hub Drop-off (Design 2):** Respondents showed a moderate willingness to pay for the Green Hub model, with many willing to pay a small fee (e.g., \$5-\$10 per month). This design is appreciated for its community benefits and educational potential, which adds value to the service.





**Low Willingness to Pay for Simple Drop-off Sites (Design 1):** There is generally low willingness to pay for the basic drop-off site model, with many respondents indicating they would prefer it to be free or at a very minimal cost. This design is perceived as less convenient compared to curbside collection and less engaging compared to the Green Hub model.

### **Why it is important to you for the city to prioritize composting?**

**Environmental Impact and Climate Change:** Composting is seen as a critical measure to combat climate change by reducing methane emissions from landfills, which are more potent greenhouse gases than CO<sub>2</sub>. By diverting organic waste from landfills, composting helps decrease greenhouse gas emissions and mitigates the environmental impact of waste.

**Sustainable Waste Management:** Respondents emphasize that composting is a practical and effective way to manage waste sustainably. It helps reduce the volume of waste sent to landfills, thereby conserving landfill space and turning organic waste into valuable resources like compost, which can enhance soil health and support plant growth.

**Resource Efficiency and Community Benefits:** There is a strong belief that composting turns potential waste into useful resources, reducing the need for additional landfill space and promoting efficient use of materials. Additionally, composting supports community well-being by improving local soil quality and contributing to more sustainable practices, benefiting both the environment and public health.

### **What role do you think local businesses and organizations should play in supporting composting efforts?**

**Mandatory Participation and Leadership:** There is strong support for requiring businesses, especially those generating large amounts of food waste like restaurants and grocery stores, to compost. Many respondents believe these businesses should take a leading role in composting efforts due to the significant food waste they produce. Mandates and incentives (such as tax breaks) could encourage their participation and make them frontrunners in this initiative.

**Public Awareness and Marketing:** Businesses are seen as key players in increasing public awareness about composting. Restaurants and grocery stores, in particular, could use their participation in composting programs as a marketing tool, advertising their efforts to attract environmentally-conscious customers. Additionally, businesses could host composting drop-off sites or educational events, further raising awareness and encouraging community involvement.

**Support and Incentives:** There is a call for businesses to be supported and incentivized to participate in composting. This could include offering tax incentives, rebates, or other benefits to those who actively compost. Additionally, businesses could be involved in hosting collection sites, educating the public, and providing visible leadership in community composting efforts.

### **How Could the Current Initiative Be Improved to Be More Convenient?**

**Expand Collection Options:**

- **Curbside Pickup:** Curbside pickup for organic materials, including yard waste, is emphasized as a key improvement. Expanding this service to include more frequent pickups or centralized collection for apartment complexes would enhance convenience.





- **More Collection Sites:** Increasing the number of drop-off sites, especially in areas with limited transportation options, would make composting more accessible. Additionally, providing containers for organic waste and ensuring they are located in convenient, high-traffic areas would improve accessibility.

**Increase Outreach and Support:**

- **Education and Engagement:** Educating residents about the program and providing clear, accessible information can help. This includes outreach to businesses and organizations to promote participation and support.
- **Grant Funding and Incentives:** Securing grants and funding to expand the program and potentially offering additional services, such as free residential tree pruning or master composter certifications, would enhance program participation and convenience.

**Utilize Existing Infrastructure:**

- **Integrate with Existing Services:** Integrating composting collection with existing waste services, such as including it in regular trash pickups, can streamline the process. Utilizing existing infrastructure and resources can make implementation more efficient and cost-effective.

**Do You Have Any Additional Suggestions or Feedback on the Draft Albuquerque Citywide Composting Initiative?**

**Support and Expansion: Community and Pilot Programs:** Expressing enthusiasm for the initiative and suggesting participation in pilot programs or community hubs can provide valuable feedback. There's also a call for continued support and additional funding, like a second FUSE grant request, to advance the initiative. **Utilize Existing Resources:** Leveraging existing infrastructure and resources is recommended to make the initiative more feasible and effective. Learning from successful programs in other cities can provide insights and best practices.

**Communication and Accessibility: Feedback Mechanisms:** Providing more space for detailed feedback and ensuring that communication channels are open for additional suggestions can help improve the initiative. Ensuring that feedback forms are user-friendly and inclusive is crucial. **Transparency and Updates:** Keeping the community informed about the progress of the initiative and funding sources can build trust and support for the program.

**Implementation and Oversight: Addressing Concerns:** Addressing potential issues such as theft, vandalism, and community impact in high-traffic areas is important for successful implementation. Ensuring careful oversight and security measures can mitigate these risks.

## Comments

### Verbal Comments

1. "I think curbside pickup would make it so much easier for everyone to participate. It's inconvenient to have to transport compost to drop-off sites."
2. "The Green Hub model sounds great for community engagement, but I'm concerned it might not be accessible for everyone, especially in underserved areas."





3. "I'd be willing to pay a bit more for curbside collection if it means reducing my workload and making composting more convenient."
4. "The drop-off sites are a good start, but we need more locations and better communication to make sure everyone knows where they are."
5. "Businesses should definitely be required to compost, especially restaurants and grocery stores. They generate a lot of food waste."
6. "I'm worried about potential odors and pests with composting. How will the city handle these issues to keep things clean?"
7. "Educating the public is crucial. We need clear guidelines on what can be composted to avoid contamination and make the program effective."
8. "Tax incentives for businesses that participate in composting would be a great motivator. It's a win-win for everyone."
9. "I love the idea of integrating composting with existing waste services. It would make the transition smoother and more efficient."
10. "Could we have more frequent pickups for composting, especially during peak times? It would help keep things manageable."
11. "The Green Hub model is interesting because it could double as a community center, but we need to make sure it's located in accessible areas."
12. "I think adding compost bins to businesses and offering them incentives could help get more businesses involved in the program."
13. "I appreciate the focus on reducing landfill waste, but we need to ensure that all neighborhoods have equal access to composting services."
14. "The city should invest in better infrastructure for composting drop-off sites to prevent issues with cleanliness and security."
15. "I'd like to see more outreach and education about the benefits of composting. Many people are still unaware of how it works and its importance."
16. "Incentivizing residents with discounts or other benefits could boost participation and make the program more appealing."
17. "How will the city address potential contamination of compost materials? There should be clear guidelines and enforcement measures."
18. "I'm excited about the potential environmental benefits, but we need to make sure the program is practical and doesn't create additional burdens for residents."
19. "Could the city provide free composting containers to households to make it easier to collect and store organic waste?"





20. "It's important to have a robust feedback mechanism so that we can continually improve the program based on residents' experiences and suggestions."

### Written Comments Submitted Before or After the Meeting

Prior to the Meeting: None.

After the Meeting: None.

## Survey Results

Seventy responses were collected using the English form. In this section, you will find a summary of the outreach, survey results by program, demographics, and survey feedback on the engagement program.

### Survey Responses

<p><b>1. What do you see as the main benefits of sending food waste to composting instead of a landfill for your local community?</b></p>
<p>The less in the landfills, the better! Plus, the nutrients and minerals in food waste can be used to benefit the plants in our public parks and landscaping, and maybe even our own residential landscaping. Other cities do this very successfully, and it would be an awesome step in the right direction if Albuquerque started offering free composting to its residents! Our entire planet would smile at that decision made by our small corner of the Earth. It's time!</p>
<p>It is a complete and undeniable "sin" to waste food! Put it to good use!</p>
<p>Cleaner environment</p>
<p>Reducing landfill and using food waste for growing plants.</p>
<p>This is truly putting the waste back into the environment and making the best use of our waste.</p>
<p>The reduction of methane emissions from food waste in landfills to help lower the City's greenhouse gas footprint along with capturing nutrients for soil applications.</p>
<p>It's waaaay better for the environment! It'll help reduce the amount of space we need for landfills and provide rich soil for the city to use in its landscaping.</p>
<p>Reduced emissions from food products in the landfill, less divertible waster in the landfill. equal access to compositing programs for all residents, compost for local gardens.</p>
<p>1. reducing landfill mass and emissions. 2. re-use of food waste 3. awareness of impact of food waste</p>
<p>Using food as a resource (creating compost) rather than as a waste product (creating methane.) Helping people see their own role in sustaining a livable planet. Educating people on the importance of avoiding food waste and understanding what happens when we throw things "away."</p>
<p>Reducing our carbon footprint and putting food waste to better use by making compost which can be used for healthy plants</p>
<p>Food comes from the soil and its materials should be returned to the soil. But as an apartment dweller, at present my only options for managing kitchen scraps are either sending to the landfill or putting down the garbage disposal, which is water-intensive, and unnecessarily burdens the sewage treatment stream. Composting makes sense, and requires so little effort. I have wished for this option for a long time.</p>
<p>I have been composting in my yard for 20 years. When the compost pile is biologically active, it shrinks considerably. Because of this "alive" environment I have healthy compost for my tomatoes, a large home for about three varieties of bumblebees, and the benefit of knowing that my diet is not contributing to landfill.</p>







<p>Since I eat 3ly organic foods, what goes INTO the pile is healthy from the beginning. A pollinator gardener, I'm convinced that composting is integral to these efforts.</p>
<p>Environmental benefit: reduced methane; Equity empowerment: I have a yard, I can compost. Others, in apartments or rentals, may not have this opportunity. Community building: revealing that people of all types are interested in alternatives to the linear economy where a beneficial re-purposing of food waste is not typically understood or experienced.</p>
<p>Compostables go into local gardens instead of the landfill. Plus, saving food scraps in a compost bucket to take to the dropoff station shows you how much you throw away each week.</p>
<p>Reduction of methane from the landfill, and increased healthy vegetation from the more nutrient-rich soil.</p>
<p>Since I have room here I'll say more about Equity &amp; Accessibility. Expand your trial to all areas and classes of Albq. Limiting to disadvantaged areas is not representative of the city. They're probably the 1 likely to participate because they're busy with kids and two jobs and don't have time or maybe even transportation to drop off sites. If your trial fails there, we all lose.</p>
<p>More space in the landfill for future waste. Composting is good for the cycle of re-use. It would be beneficial to be able to get the compost for use in landscape!</p>
<p>Landfills will last longer, which means a smaller footprint for landfills over the long-term. If the city can reuse the compost for landscaping, that would save money. Providing free compost to underserved communities can improve community health. Composting would reduce the climate impact of landfills by reducing methane emissions from decaying food in the landfill environment.</p>
<p>Our planet is literally dying. 1 we can do is keep our city as clean and green as possible for as long as possible. We are so far behind 3 of the developed countries and have the highest GDP.</p>
<p>reduce greenhouse gas, enrich soil.</p>
<p>Reduce methane generation from rotting food. Allow people to feel less helpless about climate change. Provide usable compost where it is needed.</p>
<p>Fewer driver miles and fuel expenditures should mean lower solid waste bills.          Less food waste in the landfill should mean less methane in the atmosphere and fewer heat waves.          Community members begin to see waste management as circular rather than linear so can take advantage of the nutrients offered by compost.</p>
<p>Preventing the creation of methane</p>
<p>Better soils, and making use of something that otherwise would have been wasted. School lunches are a huge source of food waste- perhaps those could be tapped somehow, too.</p>
<p>Reducing waste, helping the environment, having quality soil to nourish our green spaces and home gardens</p>
<p>Less food going to landfills. I think it is very important to have less waste.</p>
<p>Less in landfill. More feeding the aerth</p>
<p>Reduces waste, food waste can become part of the growing cycle by enriching and fertilizing soils.</p>
<p>Combatting effects of climate change by lowering ghgs</p>
<p>I think it's a great idea that my food scraps would be more productive and not add to landfill waste or pollution.</p>
<p>Anything we can do to help combat climate change is good! Municipal compost can be used for public gardens and parks, or can be distributed to the public at farmers markets, and will help keep pests out of household trash.</p>
<p>Many. It creates healthier, nutrient-dense soil; reduces methan emissions; reduces waste.</p>
<p>reduce landfill, enrich soil</p>





Food waste can make soil rich and fertile, and we are wasting potential by sending food scraps to landfill. Especially because when food isn't able to properly decompose it releases emissions.

The landfills will fill up more slowly as recyclable (compostable) material is reused to better our soul quality.

There are so many benefits. Compost is so valuable especially here in the desert. Please promote composting as much as possible. Any way to reduce waste and especially compost- a valuable reusable resource needs to be promoted. People can use the compost in local farms, gardens, and landscaping. This would be wonderful for our city on a multitude of levels.

I will feel really good if I am able to send my food waste to be composted. I live in an apartment complex so can't compost my food waste myself. In addition, the complex dumps yard waste in our garbage bins.

Reduced landfill waste and greenhouse gases. The ability to build soil that retains water and nourishes plants.

Better for environment

Diverting things that would generate methane, a potent greenhouse gas, and instead performing beneficial reuse

Saves space at landfills, food waste can be utilized to make organic material to supplement the soil.

Less anaerobic breakdown of organics, "repurposing" of an enormous amount of food waste, and contributing to soil building!

It enriches soil by returning nutrients to the soil, reduces need for more landfill space by keeping organic matter out of the landfill and may increase soils ability to hold water possibly reducing the need to irrigate.

I'd like to see community gardens throughout the city, especially in food deserts to increase people's access to fresh food.

Reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill and reusing waste as enriched soil for growing food

Not letting food scraps go to waste. We currently drove about 20 minutes once a week from west gate to the Rio grande community farm to empty our compost bucket. It's convenient that it is "open" 24/7/365. It is not convenient for us to drive there just for that but we do it anyways because we like that our scraps are used for something positive.

Reducing the amount of waste that goes to the landfill and reusing waste as enriched soil for growing food

Decreased methane production. Less dump waste. Recycling food.

Investment in our community by redirecting waste for community benefits. Cultivating a culture of care for the land & environment. Empowering individuals to take steps for positive environmental change.

Reduction in landfill waste.

This sounds like an environmental loser, especially for homes with garbage disposals. Food waste that goes through the sewer system is used for biomass energy production at the sewage plant. This is much more environmentally responsible than driving to a collection center and having trucks carry waste around the city. It probably makes sense for restaurants, but I can't see how the damage from food in the landfill is greater then the damage from driving trucks and cars.

2. What factors would encourage you to participate in the program?	Total
Community support and engagement	21
Convenient drop-off locations	43
Educational resources and collection container provided	40
Other (please specify)	11





3. Please rank your preference for the following versions of initiative design	Total
Design 1 (Drop-off site)	68
Design 2 (Green Hub)	120
Design 3 (Curbside)	119

4. Other potential challenges or concerns?
As described in the first answer, I can't imagine how food waste in landfill is more damaging than driving cars and trucks. OVERALL environmental impact must be studied.
Please make this happen!!!!
Is the southwest side of Albuquerque included? I don't see any public events for us.
It becomes cumbersome and inconvenient for people to take the waste to the center. The program would be much more effective if it could be picked up curbside such as we do for other recycled material
People need to believe it is a worth the trouble. Maybe encourage by changes to the solid waste system, eg, a discount for using a small bin or collection every other week (color coded bins).
I am concerned we are not offering more drop off sites but I understand the constraints and desire to start small and expand. I recommend not waiting very long before opening up other drop off sites
Problems of perception: many people will resist keeping food waste indoors (cockroaches) or outdoors (skunks, alley cats, rodents).
How to replace the "ick" response with a feeling of accomplishment?
SANITATION. Perishable items, well, decay; if not handled properly - especially with high heat - there is the potential for the spread of disease.
Factors: access is key. Concept of community hub, where other services are grouped in same location is a great idea.
Concerns: program sustainment, staffing
Lack of public interest due to inconvenience. Even if they are aware, people will not cause themselves inconvenience if there is nothing in it for them personally.
People who rely on public transit or walking or biking need convenient places to drop off. Getting an entire apartment complex on board would be good, for example.
Composting should be free, occur curbside, and focus first on yard waste before moving on to food waste. Transporting food waste to a second location is hugely burdensome.
inappropriate materials being included in compost
Would we still be allowed to do our own composting? We prefer to keep the compost we produce to use in our community garden. We prefer being hyper local to reduce fossil fuel used transportation.
The drop off sites could become smelly if not quickly cleaned up, and they could become sites where people drop off other materials just to get them out of the way, like hazardous waste.
Just want to be clear what is OK to compost and what's not. My friend has a community compost pile, but she's always having to pull out trash and plastic and things that don't belong.
I'd love to see more communal composting places in the neighborhoods. Pick ups or drop off would be nice, but also offering free and reduced classes on composting and discounts on composting bins.
We tried composting but our soil is 3ly sand. We gave up.
I can't imagine John Q Public being smart enough to know what to include. We see this with recycling drop-off locations.
Attracting roaches





I think establishing and providing composting guidelines is absolutely necessary, I don't think 3 people recycle correctly because they don't know better.
People placing non-biodegradable items or biohazard items in the compost.
Could the community have access to the compost? Would it be free? How could it be dispersed. I really hope local schools especially could be involved because this is a valuable learning opportunity
Really concerned that we'd need intense education city wide to help people understand and include the right materials.
Concerned about contamination from pesticides, plastics, forever chemicals.
Building capacity of compost facilities to meet demand
I have my own compost. I do not trust outside sources that get sent items that are not clean of harmful chemicals or contaminants. Easier to do it myself.
How does the city plan on using the compost?
Cost
Our business and events create over 100 pounds of compost per day. We cannot transport our compost, and need affordable options for commercial/business compost pickup.

<b>Can you please comment on why you ranked the designs in this way</b>
Design 3 obvious environmental disaster. Design 2 at 1 provides POTENTIAL benefit for burning gas in cars.
Curbside collection would really encourage as full of participation as possible!
Please do not have people put food waste in their front yards for collections. Terrible mistake. The city is full waste
Drop off is fine for those who drive but not others. Curbside would be best if waste buckets are secure from animals.
Recycling efforts are much more effective if there is a regular pickup as is done for other recycling.
Curbside is easiest for residents and has lowest barrier to participation. I already have to take glass to be recycled.
People will participate 3 with design 3...people are lazy and don't want to go out of their way to do stuff like this
It is easiest to do things from home, but dropping it off is also not too onerous.
The easier it is to do the more likely people will do it.
While curbside collection is 3 convenient, it doesn't get people educated or involved in the process.
Curbside is 3 convenient but I understand it is the highest cost. Green Hub will encourage more participation.
2 offers best chance of a rewarding experience; 1 is the same amount of effort but less stimulating; 3 is too detached
1. Access to healthy food is critical. 2. People need to make the effort. 3. There's a learning curve involved here.
I prioritize Green Hub because we need the synergy: I can go to the same place for multiple activities, services etc.
Curbside collection would be good later if this program catches on. Green hubs would generate more interest. People won't go out of their way to do this. It has to be easy and convenient or you won't get much participation.
Design 2 seems to build community by offering more services at one stop. Also sounds more interesting to grab attention.





Insufficient characters to explain!!! I have hauled compost to a second location and had curbside; curbside is better.
I would prefer to have curbside pickup but our community is very much in need of community aid, food distribution etc.
Curbside collection would be the 3 effective and equitable option.
Design 1 3 convenient, will encourage participation. Design 1, 2 require driving to participate, a barrier to entry.
I like the more comprehensive focus of Design 2 to get folks thinking differently and be lured into the world of compost
Centralized collection, as much as it can be practiced, would be the 3 efficient use of resources.
I think option 2 helps build interest, awareness and community.
Local collection site only available once a week seems like it would prohibit participation. Love multi purpose site.
I think it would be 3 convenient if it worked like recycling and trash pickup
I'll do anything g to encourage community composting. It's black gold. It's free.
additional services in design 2 prioritizes educating and taking care of our community, which is how we become better.
Ease of adoption by residents
A green hub sounds inviting and fun! The other two options are equal for me
Curbside pickup will encourage maximum participation because it is the 3 convenient, and offering services will also
I see that transportation is an issue for many so bringing the program directly to the homes would be 3 helpful.
#3 Easy.
#2 Takes more commitment. Would be nice to drop off glass, which isn't easy now.
#1 NIMBY resistance
Curbside collection seems the 3 convenient, but a Green Hub would be awesome to serve the community.
Getting compost picked up just like trash or recycling is clearly the easiest way for me, as a user.
I think it also needs to go hand in hand with community involvement and education to be more successful.
Design 3 Since I live in a gated community, this isn't possible.
Design 2 I would be unlikely to participate.
If the process is more convenient, it's likely to be used more frequently and make a bigger dent in landfill usage.
While 2 sounds great, the participation will be low if people have to go to a dropoff site. Look at glass recycling.
I am more likely to compost if it is picked up directly from my home. I am less likely to take it to another site weekly
I would not use it. I have my own compost that is producing amazing compost and it is so great, worms moved in.:)
For those who don't already compost the barrier to action needs to be a low as possible.
PSA's and educating the public is critical to get people to sort their household waste and get people to participate.
Ability for one trip compost and recycling, and having community gardens directly serviced by compost would magnify
Although pick up would be 3 convenient, it would be awesome for this 2 be a community thing where we can come 2gether
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3 people want what is 3 convenient.





Design 3 is 3 convenient  
 Design 2 is somewhat less convenient but allows errands to be batched  
 Design 1 is a chore  
 Our business creates too much compost volume for home or community compost bins. We need weekly pickup.  
 Curbside pick up with be the easiest way for more citizens to participate and take advantage of this program.

**What is your willingness to pay in order to participate in each program version?**  
 I would pay a lot for pickup from large producers of food waste, such as restaurants. I would pay for rebates/incentives to install garbage disposals in homes that don't have them. I would pay for community gardens at drop-off points if we have to go through with this problematic initiative.  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): Moderate  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): Moderate  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): High  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): free  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): yes but under 3 dollars  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): nope don't do it  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): yes  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): yes  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): yes  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$0  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$1  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$2  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): I don't know  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): No additional amount  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): I don't know but I would  
 I'm willing to pay if it's not a lot. I already compost at home. For city-wide engagement, this will have to be free or very low cost and not optional (like trash fees).  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): Willing to pay  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): Willing to pay  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): Willing to pay  
 I already compost at home so I would not likely pay much for any but much more likely to pay for the convenience on curbside collection.  
 I compost all my own food scraps, so probably wouldn't participate in any of these designs personally, though I support the concept.  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): I think it should be free  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): I would be willing to pay a small fee but I think it should be free  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): I would definitely pay a fee for this  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): how about once a month? Only one person in my household.  
 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): same as design 1  
 Design 3 (Curbside collection): too passive and boring, it just does not appeal to me.  
 Hard for me to explain. Since I already compost, I will not rely on these services. If revenue supported the following, I would like us to first look at feeding people on the streets and poor/elderly shut-ins. These are our 3 vulnerable communities. I would agree to help to pay for this.  
 Design 1 (Drop-off site): Will pay a nominal fee, would be interested to volunteer for maintenance or manning the collection site in exchange for a free solution.





<p>Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): Same as Design 1.          Design 3 (Curbside collection): I pay for recycling now, a nominal additional fee for yet another bin for food waste is ok. It's not important to me since I compost at home.</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$10/month          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$15/month          Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$20/month (about what I currently pay Little Green Bucket)</p>
<p>I'm not sure I understand the question. I will continue with Little Green Bucket. Brad's knowledge, dedication to the environment, and customer service is wonderful. I pay \$23 per month for biweekly pickup. If I didn't have that, I would be willing to use Design 1.</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): No          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): No          Design 3 (Curbside collection): This is 3 expensive and 3 convenient so a small fee would be acceptable. Offering a free trial period (3 months?) would be good to get started.</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): I would not pay for this.          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): I would not pay for this.          Design 3 (Curbside collection): I currently pay \$22/month for every-other-week pickup of a compost bucket. I would understand paying more for a weekly service. Would love to see the city switch things so recycling and compost pickup alternated, with compost accepting all appropriate wa</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): none          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): a little          Design 3 (Curbside collection): definitely</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): YES          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): YES          Design 3 (Curbside collection): YES</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): because i can compost in my back yard, this one is not of value to me personally, but if I were an apartment dweller I might pay \$5/mo. if the collection point were someplace convenient          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$5-10/mo. to use all Green Hub services          Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$5-10/mo. assuming yard waste can also go in the bin</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): 0          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$10/month          Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$10/month</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): not          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): slightly more willing          Design 3 (Curbside collection): not necessary (I deliver my compost to a collection site already)</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): it seems like payment for any of these options should be embedded into city taxes.          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): see above          Design 3 (Curbside collection): see above</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): moderate          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): higher          Design 3 (Curbside collection): higher</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$0          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$0          Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$10 per month</p>
<p>Design 1 (Drop-off site): yes, but make it affordable so everyone from varying incomes can participate (not just the wealthy)          Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): yes, but make it affordable so everyone from varying incomes can participate (not just the wealthy)</p>







Design 3 (Curbside collection): yes, but make it affordable so everyone from varying incomes can participate (not just the wealthy)
Design 1 (Drop-off site): maybe Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): maybe Design 3 (Curbside collection): yes
Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$0 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$5 per month Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$10/month
Design 1 (Drop-off site): not willing to pay Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): not willing to pay Design 3 (Curbside collection): not willing to pay
Design 1 (Drop-off site): not willing Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): not willing Design 3 (Curbside collection): willing to pay as much as trash pickup.
I prefer a low fee or free.
Design 1 (Drop-off site): Yes Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): No Design 3 (Curbside collection): No
Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$0 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$20/mo Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$40/mo
Design 1 (Drop-off site): no Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): maybe Design 3 (Curbside collection): yes
Design 1 (Drop-off site):\$0 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site):\$10/month Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$10/month
Design 1 (Drop-off site): nope Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): nope Design 3 (Curbside collection): nope
Design 1 (Drop-off site): not so interested in paying. Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): would pay. Design 3 (Curbside collection): very willing to pay
I am willing to pay for any and all of these If it means less landfilled waste and moving towards a more sustainable world. It's the only world we have and the amount of waste we generate and how we dispose of it is not sustainable. I'd like to see schools participating to grow food for school cafeterias
Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$5/mo Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$5/mo Design 3 (Curbside collection):\$10/mo
Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$0 Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$0 Design 3 (Curbside collection): \$10/month
We currently do not pay and are able to drop off whenever so I would not want to pay to do this.
Design 1 (Drop-off site): \$5/mo Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): \$5/mo Design 3 (Curbside collection):\$10/mo







Design 1 (Drop-off site): unsure
Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): unsure
Design 3 (Curbside collection): 10 to 20 monthly?
Design 1 (Drop-off site): 1 - not willing to pay for this option, as transportation, storage etc all cost businesses money with staff time and equipment
Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site):
Design 3 (Curbside collection):
Design 1 (Drop-off site): Willing
Design 2 (Green Hub Drop-off site): Willing
Design 3 (Curbside collection): Willing

<b>Other incentives?</b>
Public recognition at 1 wouldn't cost much.
Meeting their greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, achieving zero waste certification
Maybe businesses like Sprouts and Whole Foods, that promote more natural foods, or nurseries like Rheems or Big Jim Farms would be willing to host as part of their overall missions
Please don't do tax incentives. Recognized correct behavior, which is to support the community.
Other: give a rank or score as a sticker for business to put in their window "I (heart logo) compost"
Don't just use them for drop-off sites. Collect their waste too.
Provide large collection sites at large apartment complexes to divert waste from dumpsters. Provide collection sites at large institutions like Hotels, Restaurants, Hospitals, Community Centers.
You should require food businesses to compost rather than worrying about drop-off sites.
Is there a possibility of creating biofuel?
Give those that participate bags of compost.

<b>What role do you think local businesses and organizations should play in supporting composting efforts?</b>
None
A very strong role! Especially restaurants and fast food places!
They do. You can tell me
Restaurants should participate and organizations should promote it.
They should be frontrunners in this effort because of the amount of food waste they generate.
They should be required to divert organic waste from landfill (char limit is too low for these types of question)
I think they should be required to compost if they have a lot of food waste (restaurants, grocery stores).
I think local businesses should participate in composting efforts, especially restaurants.
I think they should set a good example and promote the benefits of any program implemented. Be visible leaders.
Increasing public awareness.
I think the city has a responsibility to play the biggest role. Businesses are just icing on the cake
Organizations will want to participate on the merits.
Businesses will attempt to milk the system, will falsify.
They should be front and center. As with the whole plastics debate, business GENERATES a lot of food waste.
Bus, in food service or groceries should support. Can be cost neutral: they can brag to me and I can patronize them





Restaurants and grocery stores could advertise "we compost" as a marketing tool. Get the word out, get people interested
Telling customers what they're doing would cause awareness & increase patronage. I'd go there rather than other restaurant
See above. Provide collection sites for restaurants, hotels, apartments to divert from dumpsters.
Businesses that produce high volumes of food waste should be required to compost. Many cities around the country have that
It should be mandated and a service the city provides
Critical role! These businesses and orgs should be rewarded for leading the way.
Your idea of businesses hosting drop-offs is a good one. Grocery stores would be the natural choice.
Offering to host compost drop-off sites
Depending on the business, it can be worthwhile. Burger joints, not so much, but supermarkets should be encouraged.
I think this depends on the business.
Informational events, composting their own food waste
It would be great if they could host free drop off sites
Maybe posting a sign letting customers know they are participating
They should play a major role since they are a major contributors to food waste
Increasing visibility & awareness
Their support can lessen their environmental impact of their food waste. Prioritize tax incentives for local businesses
Publicly promoted participation is probably best, but local plant nurseries could offer education and gardening tips
Local restaurants should help with donating their unused foods, if they can't donate to the needy.
I don't know, so long as it is equitable. John Q Public individually alone can't change the world.
Businesses generate a large amount of waste and should do their part to take decomposing food out of landfills.
Many local businesses generate compostable waste and should be encouraged to compost.
Especially restaurants with a lot of food waste could get incentives or tax breaks for participating.
Promotion and education
They should be able to lead the way by educating staff and doing a good job with compliance re: compostable materials.
If required for businesses of a larger size, this might help to provide foundational funding
Have compost bins in the store separate from trash and recycling, host composting sites, host education activities
They should participate but I would rather they be sending the leftover food to those that are in need.
Be examples of good composters if relevant! Otherwise put up signs of support!
Restaurants and grocery stores generate a lot of waste, so their participation is vital.
Modeling and community outreach
Unsure, I think start with the community first
Modeling and community outreach
Would be nice if it could extend to that level at some point.
Participate loudly and proudly to increase awareness. Volunteer to be drop-off sites
Food businesses are able to control their own compostable product sourcing and have the capacity to educate their staff
Restaurants and grocery stores should be the first businesses to be given priority in the rollout of this advance.





**Do you have ideas for things the city can do to ensure that composting services are accessible to all residents regardless of income or neighborhood?**

Make sure you have events in every quadrant. Get in touch with me if you need southwest help.
Curbside is best for these.
Many options such as curb-side pick-up and many drop-offs locations. Provide a container that has a lid.
Municipal-run curbside pickup is more equitable than a drop-off location. Use of the compost is another consideration.
No cost, home pickup.
Curb side bins and convenient drop off locations (maybe libraries? some place everyone can get to)
Make it easy and affordable. Couple it with benefits desired by those communities (eg community gardens, food distribution)
Placing compost containers near dumpsters in apartment complexes; placing containers in city parks.
I think curb side is key. Underserved residents may care about this, but they may not have time for limited drop offs
Dropoff stations that come to neighborhoods, stick around a day or two. Either with advance notice or on a schedule.
For people without cars, access to compost sites will be a problem. This is my one argument for curbside composting.
What about cargo bikes to run a community route? Synergy of GHG reduction effort. Community steward at apartments
Neighborhood or church reps helping to deliver scraps to dropoff sites, affordable price for services, safe easy dropoff
Expand your trial to all areas and classes of Albq. Limiting to poor areas is not representative of the city.
Create collection sites at large apartment complexes.
Follow the model of other cities and offer curbside composting along trash and recycling service.
Add it into all standard waste pickup
The only way to ensure wide participation is to offer curbside pickup.
curbside pick-up for single-family homes and centralized collection for apartment complexes
If composting services were available at all City parks, that would ensure residents have access within 1/2 mile.
Educational information and collection points throughout the City's community centers.
The more sites, so they are close, or pickup options instead of just drop-off.
Don't assume all will do it the same. Discuss types of containers, freezing scraps, in ground composting in yards.
Drop off locations in each neighborhood
Utilize city budgets for this program and make it free or close to free!
Low income residence might have transportation issues
Offer drops offs at schools where kids can learn about composting and help run the program since schools are all nearby.
Make it easy and cheap for the simplest person.
Composting collection points at many public spaces, where there are recycling and trash bins, add composting.
In neighborhoods with shared waste bins, such as apartment complexes, a compost bin should be made available.
Compost delivery request if needed for those who are unable to access but only if needed. Otherwise residents can get it
Pickup with trash would help. Look to what other cities have done for multi family housing situations re pickup.





On site pickup
Nope
Located near schools since schools are in all neighborhoods and a logical location for school gardens and cafeterias
As many drop off sites as possible where people already need to go- maybe at grocery stores or schools
Availability of composting sites around the whole city. Not just in the NE & NW. community centers would be a great place
As many drop off sites as possible where people already need to go- maybe at grocery stores or schools
Compost pick-up or drop-off sites that are conveniently located for all residents
Add pickup logistics, just like weekly landfill/recycling. Provide compost bins for residents and businesses for pickup
However the city affords waste and recycling, dip into that pot (or tax to increase it).

<b>If you compost currently what barriers do you experience when composting?</b>
None
No real barriers.....our compost is buried in various places throughout our xeriscaping....
None at all, I have fantastic soil made each year that I use for outdoor and indoor plants.
Keeping the right percentage of brown to green in my compost bin and keeping it wet enough. Easy to forget.
I don't have always have a use for all the compost generated. Getting the mix of material right.
I compost at home and don't do everything needed to compost well (e.g., water and turning).
I use Little Green Bucket, so I have no barriers because they are amazing.
Sometimes I have waste inappropriate for a my composter (woody plant stems, meat scraps). Sometimes too much at 1 time.
We have to get rid of mice periodically.
Very dry weather - takes a lot of care and attention to get it going. Hard to generate as much compost as we need
My pile cannot go higher than my neighbor's and my wall. Lots of "brown" matter (leaves, etc.) required; water helps.
Hard to source enough "brown" material. I poach leaf bags during fall green waste pickup, but I look like a nut I'm sur
I use Little Green Bucket, no real barriers. They stopped taking compostable plastic bags, but that's not a big problem
I tried composting but it was so much trouble. I'll gladly pay Little Green Bucket to do it for me.
time to work it and space to allocate to it.
The service is by the 4-gallon bucket, so it's not an option for yard waste.
I can't compost everything I need to and it take up a lot of space.
Don't have enough yard waste to add to food waste. "Wet" compost.
Had to acquire a tumbler in order hot-compost, as a simple pile must be voluminous and oft-watered to get there.
Neighbors dumping plastic and other noncompostable materials into my bin.
The place where I drop off my composting materials is located too far away to make it convenient.
It takes a lot of time before it is done, and there is some effort moving it around and using.
None. I save green scraps and have composting bin and in ground composting.
Bunnies and squirrels. I border the bosque. And our dry climate
We don't utilize enough of the compost we create, I'd love to be able to share it more freely with others





I compost in a barrel in the backyard but have no use for the compost
Physical labor needed to compost
Getting and keeping worms alive, and keeping bins moist. It's been difficult to turn the compost so the rolling bins help
our own soil is sand.
I vermicompost, sourcing reputable worms, as well as composting at a small scale it takes a while to finish a batch
Space: I don't have large enough composting bins to compost all my waste.
Smell: it stinks
Effort: I have to spin them.
Yes. So much valuable food waste can be reused to amend the soil and create wonderful growing environments.
We use little green bucket, but sometimes the compost that comes back from soilutions has plastic and debris in it.
Education was initially a problem for me but I took Master Gardening classes through NMSU and that helped.
Cannot compost as many things as we could with industrial scale composting
We just buried our vegetable & fruit waste in our garden. It decomposed very rapidly, no vermin, and lots earthworms.
Personal compost never balances properly
Not really a barrier but the place we compost is about a 20 minute drive.we have to make time or plan around our errands
Personal compost never balances properly
Vermon and animal infestation
Prices for pickup and City buerocracy prohibited us from continuing commercial compost initiatives

<b>What could be done to address potential barriers to participation in composting programs?</b>
Address concern about rodents, which would be a concern for those who live, work, or play near collection centers
Confusion over what is compostable.
3 people would be turned off by the smell so address that.
Provide ideas to people on how to collect the scrapes and where to keep the bin. 3 shove waste into garbage disposal
Municipal-run curbside pickup along with clear communication and supplies.
See above
Making it easy to do, providing information on the positive impacts
Make it as easy as possible to participate. Educate the public!
Educate the public about what a "no waste economy" looks like, including cost benefits. Deb Haaland has promoted this.
Normalize it: make it less "fringe", talk about benefits, return some compost to me as a participant
Get the word out -- why composting matters, what services are available, who else is doing this
People will not go out of their way unless there is a personal benefit. So it must be very easy and convenient.
Include it in the trash service and offer discounts to low-income residents. Educate people about how to compost in schools
Have it be added to standard waste collection and fee - provide users with compost back in return
Financial incentive is the key. Make participation low or NO direct COST.





curbside pick-up for single-family homes and centralized collection for apartment complexes
Providing bins dedicated to organic waste only.
Education to households.
Covered collection containers distributed to households to collect their waste.
See above.
Have conversations and share ideas for composting and how it can be incorporated into regular household activities
Many drop off sites
Education provided in a variety of platforms (in person and in depth online resources that are easy to understand).
Help our neighbors get a low cost/ free startup. Bins and worms.
Rewards for the haters who complain about everything and think the city/county/state are corrupt. Good luck.
Making resources extremely accessible, community education and knowledge of why composting is beneficial
If it isn't easy, people won't do it. People are not going to travel to drop off compost.
Education and show real life examples in the community that use compost. How and why to do it/ use it.
Make it easy and do outreach/education ahead of time so that people want to do it.
Education, lowered cost, benefits of receiving compost for use
Regulations.....chemicals/pest attraction.
Having compost sites available at multiple locations and open for use 24/7.
Education
Home pickup or convenient drop-off where people already are: residential neighborhoods & busy commercial areas
City run pickup program

<b>What would make composting accessible for you?</b>
I like the idea of curbside pickup!
A place to drop it.
I do it now.
Municipal-run curbside pickup. Same is needed for glass (I take it to the drop-off sites but know many who don't).
See above
I am in a position where I can participate in any of the composting options above
N/A
NA
Make it available at all community centers plus willing businesses. Curbside is the ultimate - but I realize it costs.
I live in an apartment and have NO option to compost. So ANY kind of dropoff or collection program makes this possible .
Not an issue for me; for others, corner "drop-off" sites in ALL city parks.
Easy source of brown materials besides cardboard. Need leaves.
It's already accessible for me (Little Green Bucket)
I will do whatever it takes. It is worth time and money to me to save my planet.
Curbside compost
I already compost.





I'm one of the lucky ones for whom \*food\* composting is already accessible. I have my own yard and a compost tumbler.

I have already made composting accessible to me, neighbors, and the residents of apartments i own.

closer location of drop-off point

We already compost.

Having education, a toolkit, and a nearby drop off site or pickup from my home

Just about anything

If horse poop was accepted

A drop off site is great

Seeing tangible results

Curbside collection

Curbside pickup or a central drop off less than one block from my home (at kiva park)

A place to drop off compost regularly or even better regular pickup. I would really love access to additional compost.

Pickup with trash/recycling

Education, pick up

Nothing...I already compost.

Convenient drop off location or weekly pick up

Easy local drop off sites

Something closer to our home and that is a drop off compost, so open 24/7. Like the Rio grande community farm model

Easy local drop off sites

I already compost

Pickup program

Ideally I would want weekly curbside pickup in a city-distributed collection container or easy dropoff of said container

**Are there cultural considerations the city should consider when developing compost programs?**

City should be resisting car culture, not encouraging it

Understanding the whole idea around waste created by humans and the issues.

Unknown

I am not aware of any besides language. Many cultures value sustainable practices.

I don't know

I am not sure.

Tap into indigenous traditions around earth care.Lo

I am not aware of any - but community involvement will help determine if there is.

Language barriers. The International District has about 12 official languages! To be considered in printing leaflets.

Many. Composting seems something "rich" people do. Groups with organic produce in my mind, more rich people stuff

Probably, but I don't know. My social circle already supports composting.

Older people are annoyed by sustainability efforts, and younger people say it is hopeless and not worth the effort.

Not known to me

Ensure programming, workshops, educational materials are offered in multiple languages.







Few people like composting stations closer than 50 feet from their homes because they fear smells, bugs, and raccoons.

The city should be conscious of where drop off sites are, both for access and so no one community deals with a mess.

This is a great question. I don't have an answer but this should definitely be considered!  
 probably but I don't want to go there.

Clear composting guidelines must be posted in English and Spanish.

Research historical compost of ancient cultures and tie it to roots of Albuquerque residents historical practices.

No.

Unsure

affordability of compostable products

**There are three goals in the 2021 climate action plan directly focused on composting which helped make this program possible to continue to align with community goals please share why it is important to you that the city prioritize composting?**

City should prioritize garbage truck dropoff facility like last mayor pushed, but located in a reasonable space.

We, collectively, waste too much! Time is running out.

Wasteful individuals need assistance learning about being safe with garbage and compost.

Anything to reduce landfill is good. I don't compost anymore but feed vegetable scraps to the squirrels.

I believe in climate change and want to do my part to help our environment. Composting is a great and easy way for me.

First, it addresses a source of greenhouse gas emissions, and it puts valuable nutrients to use.

See above

Composting will decrease the amount of waste in the landfill, and reduce the emissions related to that waste.

I believe in reducing end the stream waste. Composting does that.

Look at food waste as a resource rather than as waste.

It is the right thing to do. We need to be more progressive in these green efforts. Everyone will benefit.

Take care of our land, our soil, our water, our climate. We all must do our part.

To reduce methane in landfills, clear out compostable debris in order to process /recycle/eliminate the rest.

it's doable, it's normal, it's innovative. Look for synergy (cargo bikes) w/other GHG reductions

Reducing greenhouse gas is critical, but composting also makes people aware of their consumption habits.

You need to tell me what the 3 goals are for me to be able to answer this question.

I know so many people who have a second trash bin for yard waste. This could be composted. Instead it goes to the landfill

Just grateful for all of the work that's gone into making this possible and for the guy at the aquarium who told me

It is a critical step in combating climate change. A real tangible impact can be made at the city level!

Methane produced from rotting food is a more potent greenhouse gas than CO2. I'm eager to reduce that.

I hate wasting potential resources and revenue streams for City operations.

The City's running out of landfill space, and we need to address it as soon as possible by diverting organic matter.

Any practice that reduces or reuses waste is something we should be doing.

Reduce environmental impact of food waste

Less waste in landfills is much more sustainable. This is top priority!

I taught in an elementary school. The amount of compostable waste thrown away hurt my heart







Limiting effects of climate change
Composting is such a low effort way to reduce landfill use and also create beneficial tools for agriculture.
Food waste and green waste form about 1/3 of my trash. It would be great if that didn't go in a landfill.
It helps our community and our planet. It's valuable and will enhance our city in many ways.
We can reduce the amount of landfill space we need, reduce greenhouse gases, create soils that hold water, support plant
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable waste management, beneficial reuse
Why is this survey so long. It should be 5 question and no more.
Minimize landfill and return decomposable material back to the earth from which it came.
Reduce waste and plant more
To reduce waste and turn our food into something good for the environment
Reduce waste and plant more
It's time. We need to do as much as we can to help our Earth by achieving sustainability goals. This is ABQ's next step!

<b>How could the current initiative be improved to be more convenient</b>
I think the City is on the right track. Start small and grow the program.
Municipal-run curbside pickup. Expand to include organic material (yard waste) or increase the twice per year timing.
Curbside collection.
The more sites, the better!
Start with current plan, but offer an option to "pay" for access to other sites. Get grant funding to expand/promote
Nothing is underway yet.
Regarding something like residential tree pruning, have the city provide some services for free. Cost is prohibitive.
Definitely provide a container if you can. Maybe have "master composter" cert, like master gardeners
Dropoff sites near where people with limited transportation live.
It would be more convenient & efficient for YOUR efforts to reduce methane if you focused more on businesses & orgs.
Talk to people BEFORE coming up with the alternatives
Curbside pickup is the key.
curbside pick-up for single-family homes and centralized collection for apartment complexes
Cannot comment because "the current initiative" is not yet specific enough.
I'm not convinced there is an efficient way to do this unless waste haulers are contracted to collect organic waste.
Not sure. Too new.
I didn't realize there was one other than this survey
Make it the easiest and cheapest it can possibly be. I don't know the answer but look to places that already do it well.
Unsure what the current initiative is.
I'm
Pickup with trash service, provide bins
Buckets/trash for in and outside of house
TLDR





I am unaware of the current initiative, so more information would be a good start.  
 This survey is too long  
 This survey is too long

**Do you have any additional suggestions or feedback on the draft albuquerque citywide composting initiative**

Please just make this happen!  
 Reach out to me if you need help on the SW side -- I'm part of SWAN and WCCDG.  
 No, happy to see this.  
 Why so few characters for suggestions? The top item has 500. Consider one NE Heights location along with the others.  
 Thanks for all the work involved in getting this off the ground!  
 Glad to see this being addressed, bravo!  
 To be honest, I haven't read through it thoroughly, but I believe we are on the right track.  
 Keep going! Write a second FUSE grant request, make budget for this. ABQ can be an unexpected gem of advanced society!  
 This initiative is a great idea -- I hope it gets lots of support.  
 Give me more than 120 characters! Ms. Simon said there were IRA funds available. Being used?  
 Learn how to make a form so I have more than 120 characters to give feedback.  
 I am delighted that you are pushing forward a citywide composting system.  
 USE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE  
 We'd like to participate in pilots.  
 Excited about this!  
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 I am extremely excited to hopefully see a citywide composting program  
 Community hubs are going to turn into homeless magnets, theft, and vandalism will occur without careful oversight.  
 Thank you for considering this plan and calling for community input. I hope more composting can be done here.  
 Portland - among others - has done this for years. I'm hoping we're learning from other cities with successful programs  
 Just do it! Please please please please!

