

**REGENERATING SOIL...
FOR SELF
FOR NEIGHBOR
FOR COMMUNITY**



THE SOIL FARMER





LEVEL 3 COMPOST FOR COMMUNITY

Train others by offering internships and educational workshops, test for soil biology, sell finished compost...in other words become the grand daddy (or mommy) of soil for your community!



LEVEL 1 COMPOST FOR SELF

We'll provide discounted compost bins, foodscraps, mulch and ongoing training at your home or farm so you can compost successfully. You keep the finished compost.



LEVEL 2 COMPOST FOR NEIGHBORS

Earn an income by accepting scraps for composting from your neighbors.

FAQ

1. HOW DO I START?

Submit an entry **using this form**. Properties located in City of San Diego zip codes 92101, 92109, 92113, 92115, 92116, 92154 will receive priority. Regardless of where you are located we will reach out with information on next steps.

2. WHAT ONGOING TRAINING, SUPPORT AND HAND HOLDING CAN I EXPECT?

All participants will attend an orientation which will be a 3 hour hands-on composting class. You will learn about setup, best practices and how to troubleshoot common problems. You will also be connected with a mentor who runs a community compost superhub. The mentor will check in with you periodically and you will be able to reach out to them for guidance. We will also ensure that you always have a adequate supply of mulch to compost the foodscraps you receive every week.

3. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM QUANTITY OF SCRAPS I HAVE TO TAKE?

To justify the cost of transportation we require that you sign up for a minimum of 32 gallons of foodscraps delivered to your door every week. For quantities less than 32 gallons you can stop by a community compost hub during work hours and pick up as much or as little as you like.

4. DO I HAVE TO USE YOUR COMPOST BINS?

No. You can use your own compost bins and setup. We can provide you with designs to build the stackable bins we use at our compost hubs. You can also purchase the stackable bins from us through our website at a discount of 25%.

5. I HAVE BEEN A BACKYARD COMPOSTER FOR YEARS. CAN I START ACCEPTING SCRAPS FROM NEIGHBORS RIGHT AWAY?

We understand that composting is a natural process and that there are many knowledgeable and experienced backyard composters in our community. Food2Soil is about building a network of decentralized compost hubs that weave back the culture of composting into our communiites. We therefore want to make sure that you are completely ready for the work, scraps and community attention that will come with composting for your neighbors. We ask that you compost at Level 1 for atleast six months, maintain detailed tracking sheets and demonstrate discipline and commitment to this mission before moving to Level 2 and 3.

5. DO I HAVE TO BE HOME WHEN YOU DROP OFF SCRAPS?

No. We will dropoff bags of scraps every week at a mutually agreed location on your property. Note that our scraps come in plastic bags to limit cross contamination, spills and mess.

6. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GO ON VACATION?

You can cancel delivery by giving us a one week notice.

7. WHAT TYPE OF SCRAPS CAN I EXPECT?

Scraps will consist of pre-consumer,vegetative waste including all parts of fruits and vegetables, cooked and uncooked grain based items such as flour, pasta and bread, coffee grounds, tea and egg shells.

8. WHAT ARE THE OTHER BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM?

We will keep track of the waste diversion and carbon sequestration impacts achieved through your participation. You will be part of a growing tribe of gardeners and farmers who understand the value of regenerating soil and how it impacts the health and wellness of our communities. You will also have exclusive access to Food2Soil events, best practices and know-how.

9. HOW DOES ONE PROGRESS FROM LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 3?

We will provide ongoing training on conducting internships and understanding soil biology. We will also be testing the finished compost you make to ensure it meets our quality standards so you can sell the compost under the Food2Soil program. You will shadow and assist a community hub manager for several hours to help you prepare for what it takes to manage a super hub.

10. WILL YOU REQUIRE ME TO MOVE UP LEVELS?

No. We appreciate you taking the first step towards regenerating soil for your backyard. We will leave it to you to decide if you want to move up to Levels 2 and 3 and it is completely your decision. We only want to make sure we support you adequately should you be ready to move up.