

REGENERATING SOIL...
for thy self...and for thy neighbor...



THE SOIL FARMER

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LEVEL 1 COMPOST FOR THY SELF



We'll provide the 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 THY NEIGHBORS

Earn an income by composting for your neighbors and selling the finished compost.



food2soil
Your neighborhood composter

FAQ

1. HOW DO I START?

Submit an entry **using this form**. Properties located in City of San Diego 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. WHAT ARE THE ITEMS IN THE COMPOST SETUP PROVIDED BY YOU? HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

You will be provided with a certain number of compost bins to adequately process the scraps you receive. You will be responsible for providing your own garden tools such as pitchforks, shovels and wheelbarrows. You are responsible to return the compost bins if you terminate participation in the program before the completion of a year. The compost bins are for you to keep after 12 months of participation.

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 communities. We therefore want to make sure that you are completely ready for the work, scraps and community attention that will come with your participation in the Soil Farmer program. We ask that you compost at Level 1 for at least six months, maintain detailed tracking sheets and demonstrate discipline and commitment to this mission before moving to Level 2.

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

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

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. 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 Level 2 and it is completely your decision. We only want to make sure we support you adequately should you be ready to move up.