

# Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility



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## Large Scale Composting



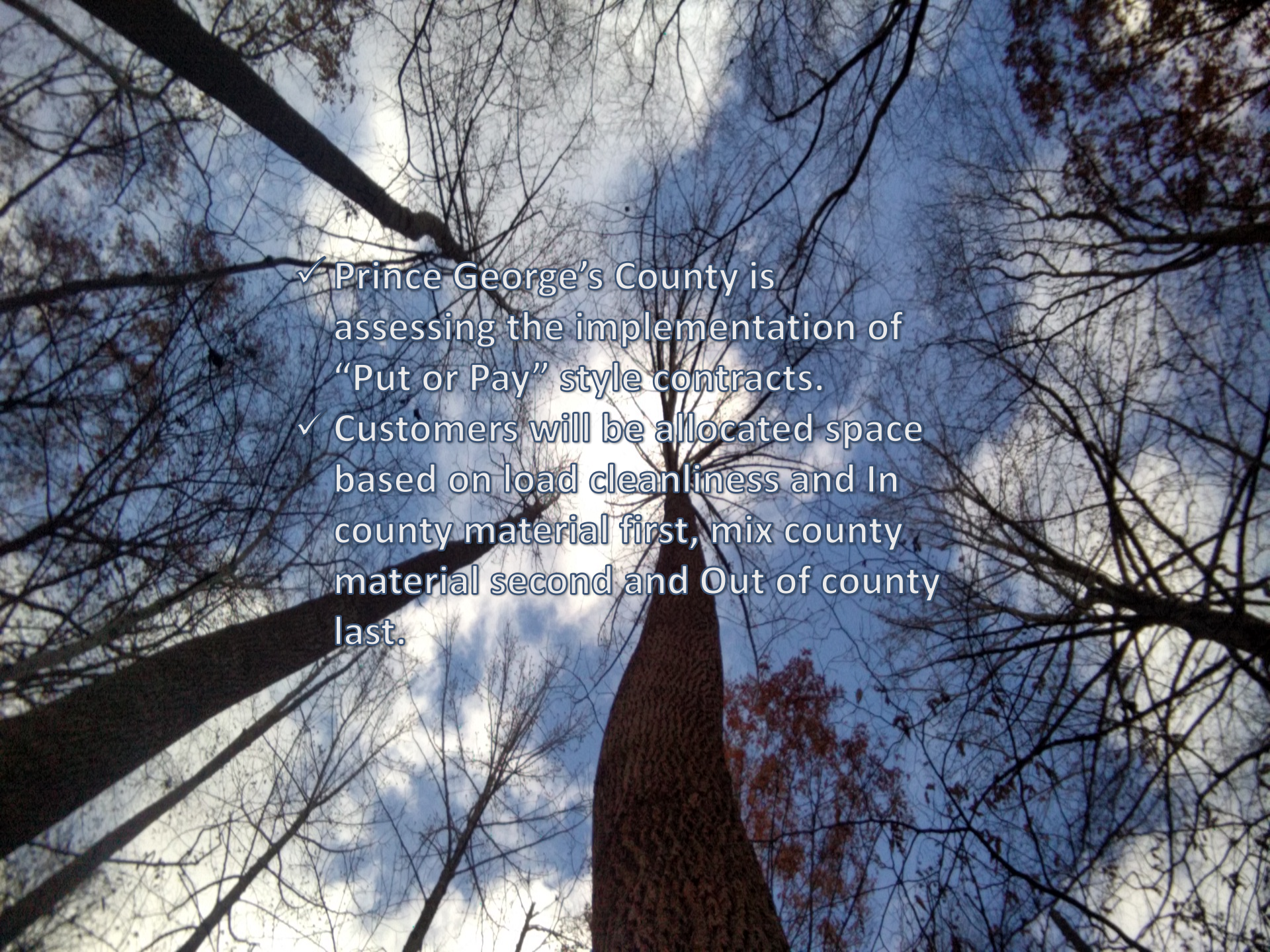
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- ✓ Clean feed stocks
- ✓ Quality control from start to finish
- ✓ Nutrient rich finished product
- ✓ Closes the loop and enriches the environment

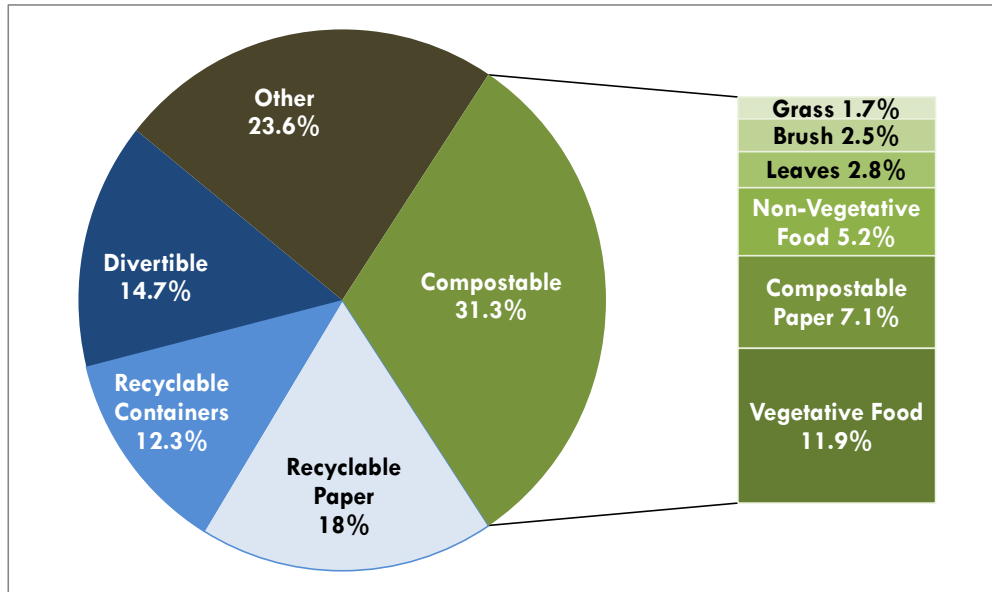




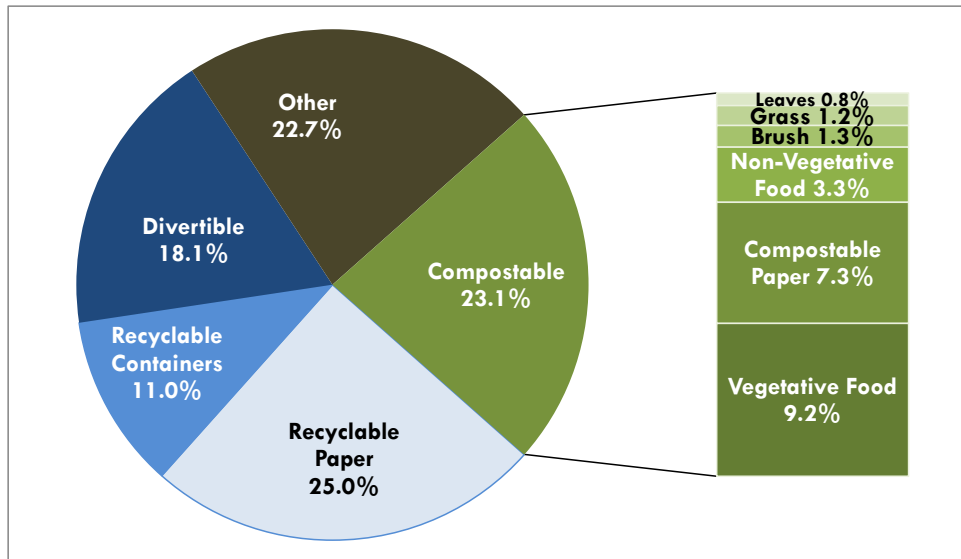
- ✓ Instillation of a new 12 Heap MEGA system early 2018
- ✓ Increased food composting capacity for Prince George's County and the surrounding region.
- ✓ All material will be processed utilizing the Gore Cover system.

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- ✓ Prince George's County is assessing the implementation of "Put or Pay" style contracts.
  - ✓ Customers will be allocated space based on load cleanliness and In county material first, mix county material second and Out of county last.

# Residential Compostable Materials By Weight



# Commercial Compostable Materials By Weight





# Residential Food Scrap Curbside Collection Pilot Project



## + Why You Should Compost

A recent waste characterization study at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill identified that food and food scraps (also known as organics) comprise 55% of the waste collected by the County. Instead of throwing it away as trash, the County can separate it for composting and turn it into a nutrient rich soil amendment, known as Leafgro GOLD. This material promotes the growth of healthy plants, reduces soil erosion, eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers and is healthy for our environment.

## + Collecting your Organics

Place your small, compost pail in a convenient location in your kitchen. For best results, empty daily or line your container with newspaper, paper bags, or approved compostable bags. Collect food scraps while preparing meals, scraping plates and cleaning out the refrigerator of unwanted leftovers or spoiled food. Remember to include paper towels, napkins, uncoated paper plates and coffee grounds and filters. Once full, empty the material in your bigger, curbside organics collection cart.

## + From Cart to Compost

All organics, yard trim and food scraps will be collected on the regular yard waste collection on Monday only. Place your cart at curbside by 6 a.m. All materials will be delivered to the Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility at 6550 South East Crain Highway in Upper Marlboro. It does not go to the landfill. Remember – plastic bags are not accepted!

## + Ready to sign-up?

Fill out the detachable postage-paid card and drop it in the mail. Everything you need will be provided to you prior to the start of the pilot, including a Welcome Packet, Organics Cart and countertop pail with liners, along with a list of acceptable and unacceptable items. Postcards must be returned September 22, 2017



# How to Compost Guide



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## COLLECTING YOUR FOOD SCRAPS

Keep your interior food scrap collection containers in a convenient location in your kitchen, such as on your countertop, under the sink or in your freezer. While cooking or cleaning up, place your leftover food scraps in your container.



## STORE COMPOSTABLES IN THE KITCHEN CONTAINER UNTIL COLLECTION DAY IF POSSIBLE

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The night before your collection day, place your compostables in your exterior organics cart, with yard trim and place it curbside by 6 a.m. Depending upon the amount of food scraps you have, your kitchen bin may need to be emptied more than once per week.

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## PLACE WET COMPOSTABLES ON TOP OF DRY ONES

Putting food scraps on top of used newspaper, crumpled brown paper bags and paper towels helps to soak up any liquids, reducing the chance that the liner will leak or break. Do not put hot liquids in your liners/bins.



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## STORE WET, SMELLY SCRAPS IN THE REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER UNTIL COLLECTION DAY

Storing meat scraps, bones, and fishy items in the freezer until collection day will reduce the chance of unpleasant odors in your kitchen. Place these items in your cart on collection day.





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