



# DC Curbside Composting Pilot Program

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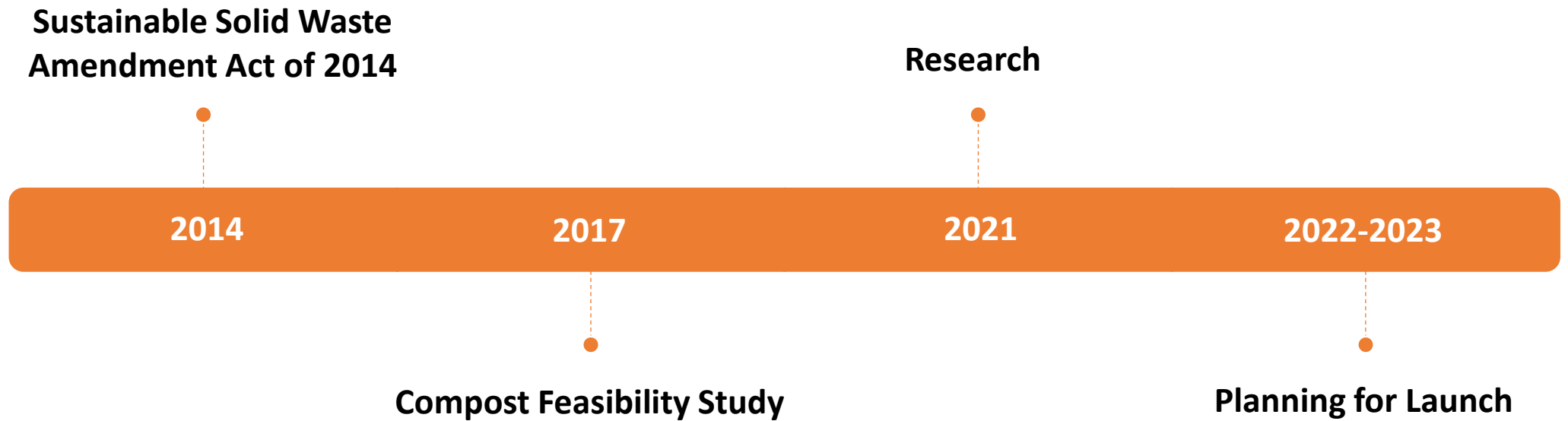
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# History



# Pilot Program Goals

- Divert food waste from landfill and incineration
- Provide accessible composting services to residents
- Determine best practices and considerations for a future citywide roll-out of curbside food waste collection services.
- Evaluate the food waste processing capacity in the region



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# Launching the Pilot

- Approximately 9,000 single-family households signed up to participate during DPW's sign-up period in April/May.
- Compost Crew won the bid as the Pilot's contractor, with Compost Cab as a subcontractor.



# Starter Kit Assembly and Pilot Rollout

- To sustainably launch the Curbside Composting Pilot Program, starter kit delivery and collection rollout will be phased across wards.
- This phased rollout helps DPW ensure careful and thoughtful delivery of materials.



# Each starter kit includes...



**Collection Container**  
for outdoor food waste  
collection.



**Kitchen Caddy**  
for indoor food waste  
collection.



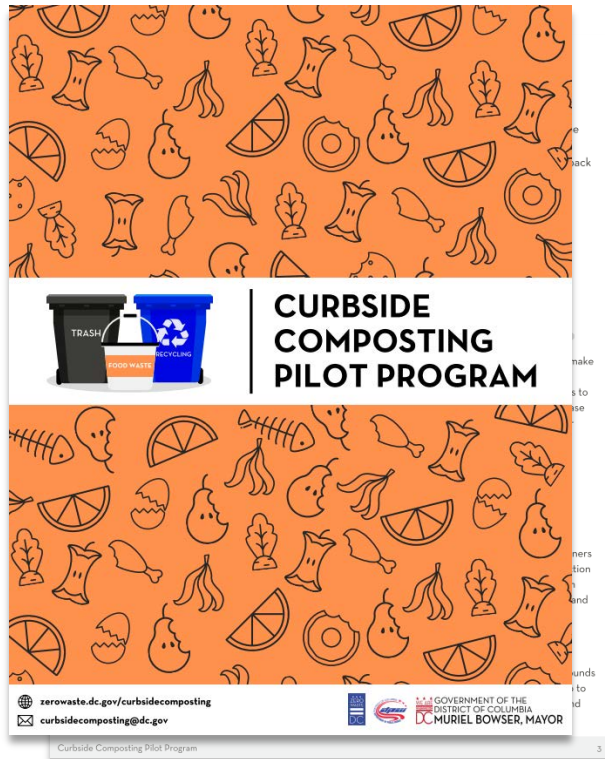
**100 Compostable Bags**  
to line your kitchen  
caddy.



**Collection Day Card**  
with information on  
your household's weekly  
collection day.

*Both collection containers and compostable bags have been tested by DPW in partnership with DC Health for odor and rodent mitigation.*

# Participant Education



**Welcome Packet:**  
Program Overview, Best Practices,  
Steps to Success



**Oops Tags:**  
Food waste collection container tagging will occur to prevent and reduce compost contamination.

# What happens after food waste collection?

## 1. Delivered to a Compost Facility



After being picked up, food waste will be taken to a composting facility in the region (primarily Prince George's County).

## 2. Processed into Compost



There, it will be turned into compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

At the end of the pilot, each participating household will receive compost to use how they wish (e.g., landscaping/gardening).



# Data Tracking

- Tonnage collected/diverted
- Participation (set-out rates)
- Contamination Rates
- Service Requests (Missed Collection, Broken/Lost Containers)
- Satisfaction & Areas of Improvement
- Rodent Abatement



# Thank you!

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