

Attention MB Residents:

Beginning July 1 2012, **Waste Management** will launch a new commercial and residential food waste recycling pilot program in Manhattan Beach, allowing participating residents and businesses to further increase their recycling levels.

The six-month pilot program, which is being offered at no cost to select residents and businesses, is part of the franchise agreement between Waste Management and the City. The goal of the pilot program is to divert food waste from the landfill, since approximately 25% of waste generated comes from food waste. The results of the pilot program, along with the cost proposal, will help the City and WM determine whether or not to move forward with a permanent city-wide food waste recycling program.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM?

Commercial Recycling Program

Ten Manhattan Beach businesses will participate in the commercial food waste recycling pilot. They include: Brewco , Grow- The Produce Shop, Manhattan Beach Post, Manhattan Bread and Bagel, Manhattan Market, Mucho Restaurant, ROCK'N FISH, Shade Hotel , Simmzy's, and the Strand House. Waste Management recycling experts have been working with each establishment to create customized recycling programs and training to ensure a successful program launch.

City Events Recycling Program

You may have noticed Waste Management food waste carts available at three recent City events: Earth Day, Taste of MB, and the Centennial Parade. All residents can participate in event food waste recycling by scraping food waste and paper products into designated food waste recycling containers. Be on the lookout for our food waste recycling signs and carts at future events and help us recycle as much as we can!

Please note: NOT ALL EMAIL RECIPIENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM. The residential pilot program will include approximately 800 homes located on five select waste routes located throughout the city. The food waste recycling program is only available to residents who live in the pilot areas *and* currently have a green waste cart. Pilot route maps can be found by clicking on this link or at manhattanbeach.wm.com. *Participating residences will receive information and materials before the program start date.*

Residents who live outside of the pilot area, or residents who live inside the pilot area but do not currently have a green waste cart, are not eligible.

WM will deliver all program materials to each participating residence June 19-21, 2012. Program materials include a 2-gallon kitchen pail and biodegradable pail liners to collect and store food waste in the kitchen, and an information kit. Once the kitchen pail bag is full, residents should transfer the bag to the green waste cart for collection. No additional truck routes will be added, and residents' service days will not change.

Rather not participate in the food waste recycling program? Residents in the pilot area can opt out by calling 310-522-6541, or by sending an email to askgreen@wm.com.

WHAT MATERIALS WILL BE COLLECTED IN THE FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PILOT?

All types of food waste will be collected in the food waste recycling pilot, including: meat, poultry, fish, beans, dairy products, fruit, vegetables, breads, grains, pasta, eggshells, nutshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, "leftovers," food-soiled papers, coffee filters, paper towels, paper napkins, uncoated paper plates and cups, paper egg and berry cartons and paper grocery bags.

WHAT MATERIALS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IN THE FOOD WASTE RECYCLING PILOT?

Items that cannot be disposed of in the green waste cart include: plastic packaging, liquids, non-food trash items, glass, metal, Styrofoam, plastic bags or animal waste. Note that plastic bags are made of a different material than the biodegradable bags that WM will provide. Plastic bags may be placed in the blue recycling cart or taken to a local grocery store for bulk recycling.

HOW LONG IS THE PILOT?

The pilot program runs July 1, 2012-January 1, 2013. A decision on whether or not the City and Waste Management will move forward with a permanent city-wide program will be made at the conclusion of the pilot.

GOT QUESTIONS?

For more information, visit manhattanbeach.wm.com, or call WM Customer Service at 310-830-7100. Again, if your residence is in a pilot area, but you would like to "opt out" of the pilot program, call 310-522-6541 or send an email to askgreen@wm.com.