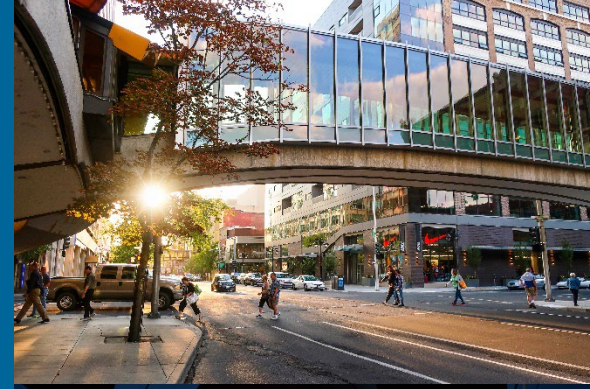




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Organics Diversion Strategies Community Composting Case Studies

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Organic Waste Reduction Hierarchy



- Food waste prevention
- Feed hungry people
- Composting in backyards or in homes
- Onsite composting or anaerobic digestion, often drop-off
- Composting or anaerobic digestion at the small-town scale
- Facilities serving large geographic areas – 100+ tons/week
- Mixed garbage processed to divert organics from landfills
- Organic waste processed in landfills and trash incinerators

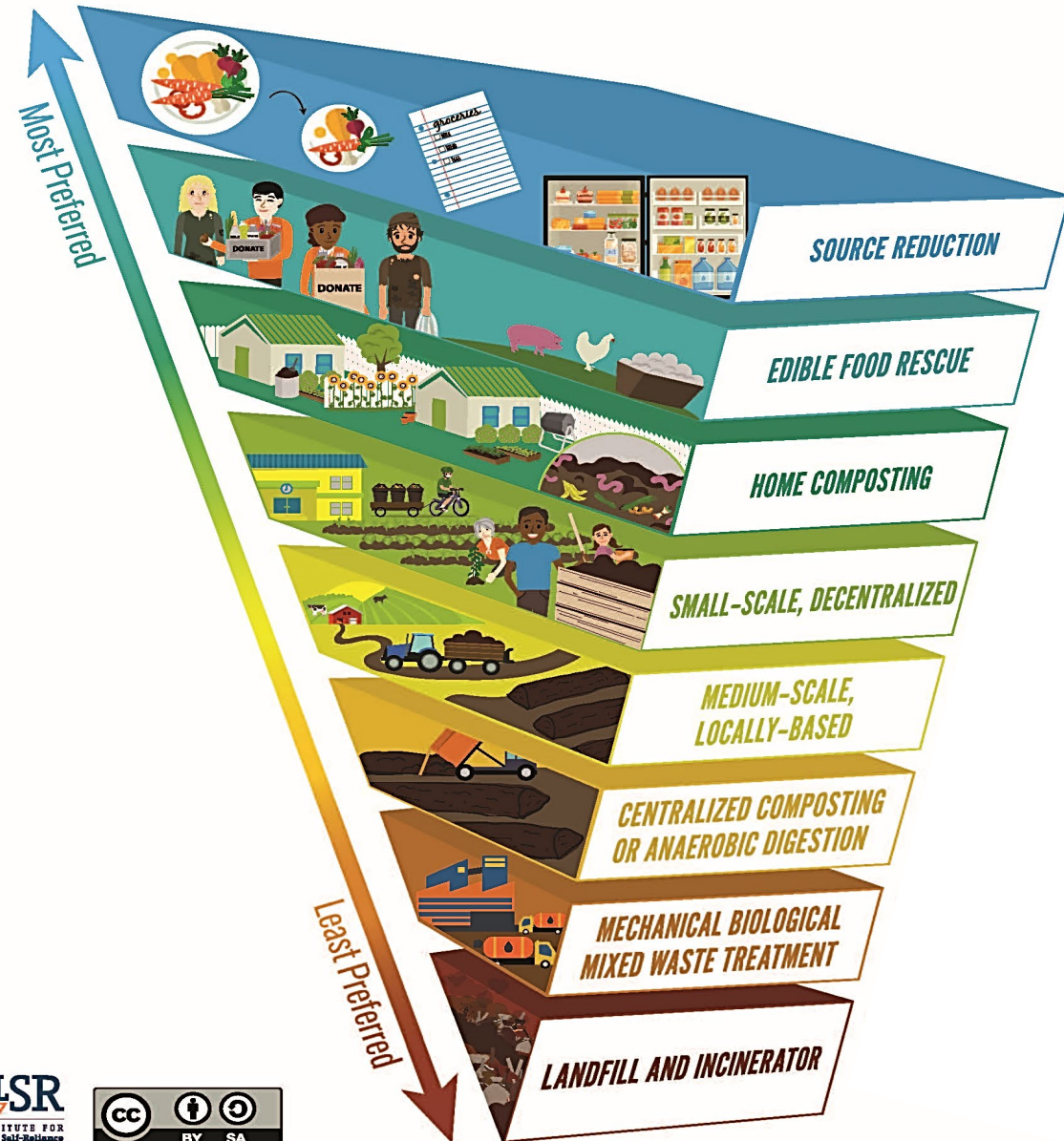


Community Composting

Community composting is a model of composting that sources organic materials locally, engages the community in the composting process, and uses the compost produced in local soils. - US Environmental Protection Agency

Community Composting – Case Studies

- **Scale** – Who is it serving?
- **Gaps/Niche** – What gap in the system do they fill?
- **Business Model** – Public/Private/other?
- **Services** – What services do they offer?



Restaurant 2 Garden (Seattle, Washington)

Pilot project

- **Business Model:** Hyperlocal community partnership – 2 businesses
- **Founded:** 2020 (funded 2022)
- **Services:** Food scrap collection to provide free compost to neighborhood gardeners in publicly-owned community garden in Chinatown International District
- **Capacity:** 4,000 lbs. of waste from 2 restaurants
- **City Relationship:** Grant funding from local/state programs





Winton Mfg. Compost Works (Winton, Washington)

Serves Leavenworth, Cashmere, Peshastin, Wenatchee, Lake Wenatchee, and East Wenatchee.

- **Business Model:** Membership-based service; for-profit, membership fee (\$60/yr)
- **Founded:** 2022
- **Scale** - Community size ~42,500
- **Services:** Community food and yard waste drop sites, retail finished compost and soil products
- **Customers:** Commercial + Residential
- **Capacity:** 62,000 tons annually
- **Property Ownership:** Privately-owned – Winton Mfg. Compost



Curb It Organic Waste Diversion Program (Boise, Idaho)

- **Business Model:** City-owned composting program and facility
- **Founded:** 2017
- **Scale** - Community size ~482,000
- **Services:** Green bins, community food scrap drop sites at local parks, free finished compost, retail finished compost sales
- **Customers:** Residential
- **Capacity:** 35,000 tons annually
- **Property Ownership:** Processed at a city facility in South Ada County





Curb It Organic Waste Diversion Program (Boise, Idaho) – Community Give Back

- **Founded:** 2024
- **Services:** Community food scrap drop sites at local parks
 - Free finished compost
 - Compost Hosts – 20-25 cubic yards
 - Up to 2 cubic yards/resident/yr
- Only program in the Boise area that gives back compost to residents for free





Questions?

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