



Hello everyone!

We are excited about Yosemite’s Residential Food Waste Diversion Pilot and thrilled that each of you want to participate!

During a 2016 waste audit in Yosemite, we found that 684.4 tons of organic waste is sent to the Mariposa landfill annually. On average, each American generates 1,790 pounds of trash each year and approximately 40% of that is food waste. This means, **each of us generates 704 pounds of food waste each year!**

With Yosemite’s Residential Food Waste Diversion Pilot, we can now divert food waste from our landfill while giving back to the earth: grow, eat, compost, and repeat.

## Food Waste Dumpster Locations

### Yosemite Valley:

- Tecoya - Behind B Dorm and adjacent to the meadows house
- New Housing/CVRA - Left of Plants Commons, between Plants and Falls
- NPS Yosemite Valley Lower Housing - at the dumpster area on the Yosemite falls side, on the corner of Ponderosa Lane and Lost Arrow Road

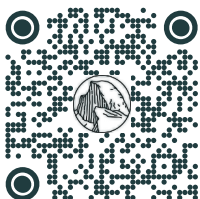
### El Portal:

- El Portal Elementary School in Rancheria
- YARTS bus stop in Old El Portal

## Dumpster Instructions

- Open padlock - 4774
- Make your deposit
- Relock the dumpster

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below for maps and detailed composting information



### Accepted materials: ALL food waste and uncoated food related paper products

- Fruit and vegetable scraps, dairy products, eggshells, and animal bones
- Accepted food related paper products:
  - pizza boxes, napkins, paper towels, etc

### Unaccepted coated paper products include:

- waxed cartons
- paperboard (cereal boxes and 6-pack boxes)
- plastic-coated packaging (fast food wrapping and parchment paper)

Visit the Yosemite Community website for more up-to-date tips and resources by scanning the QR code on this page with your smart phone or tablet device.

Each month you will be emailed a Data Survey. We thank you in advance for keeping track of how many times you are emptying your stainless steel container and completing our monthly questionnaire. At the end of the year, we will be awarding prizes to those who contribute the best data and feedback!

If at any time you are no longer able to participate in this program, we greatly appreciate you reaching out to coordinate the return of your cleaned stainless steel container so it can be provided to a new participant.

Again, thank you for diverting food waste from the Mariposa landfill.

Let’s compost, Yosemite!

Sincerely,

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