Food scrap recycling was introduced in Oro Loma in June 2009. At that time, compostables, which includes food scraps and food-soiled paper, accounted for 49% of the trash collected in Alameda County. County-wide, the figure for compostables in the trash is now down to 32%. The District's average is even better. In Oro Loma, only 20% of trash consists of compostibles. Great job!

By recycling food scraps, you free up space in the landfill and provide a resource that can be turned into rich compost for agriculture and landscaping. And it's easy! Just collect scraps in your small green pail, or in a cardboard milk or takeout container, then transfer them to your green waste cart. Green waste carts are serviced weekly.

Food scraps include:
Fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry, bones, seafood, egg shells, cheese, bread, beans, rice, pasta, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, food-soiled paper and cardboard containers, paper plates, pizza boxes.

Do not include:
Plastic, glass, metal, Styrofoam, liquids, kitty litter, animal waste.

Call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710 with questions.