



## Humboldt County Food Waste Resource Assessment Survey

The Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA), a public agency that runs the local waste transfer station, is developing a food waste processing facility to serve Humboldt County. Wastes that will be accepted include but are not limited to: food waste, grease trap and interceptor waste, as well as food manufacturing wastes (such as fish waste and cheese whey). The project is currently in the permitting and funding phase. HWMA estimates the facility will be operational in 2-3 years.

By processing food waste locally, Humboldt County will reduce the amount of waste going to landfills, reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with waste management, return nutrients to local soils, and create green jobs. Additionally, this facility will help stabilize solid waste disposal rates, and will reduce the cost of grease trap and interceptor waste removal. For more information about this project please see: [www.hwma.net](http://www.hwma.net). Click on "Foodwaste".

**HWMA is soliciting information about the quantity of food waste generated from Humboldt County commercial businesses.** Please take a moment to fill out the following survey. You can return this survey by mail (self addressed, stamped envelope included), or fill it out online at: [www.hwma.net](http://www.hwma.net). Click on "Foodwaste".

### Survey Questions:

1. Who is the main contact person for this establishment?

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What type of commercial business do you operate? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What size of waste collection bin(s) do you currently use?

90 gallon  1 yard  2 yard  3 yard  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. What percent of your waste do you think is food waste?

Less than ¼  ¼  ½  ¾  Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. What percent of your waste do you think is soiled paper? (i.e. napkins, plates, non-wax cups)

Less than 1/4  1/4  1/2  3/4  Other\_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you currently diverting food waste? Yes No

If Yes, how?

Food Banks Compost Pigs ChickensOther\_\_\_\_\_

7. What are your concerns about food waste separation / collection?

SpaceOdorsCollection dependability Rodents/pestsNone  
 Other

8. Is your business interested in a service that collects food waste separately from garbage? Yes No

9. Do you have any other comments regarding food and organic waste collection?

Please Note: You must have a valid email address (Outlook- or Web-based) in order to submit this form electronically.