

Frequently Asked Questions



Doesn't organic waste compost in the landfill?

Actually, landfills are specifically designed NOT to allow for rapid decomposition. They are capped daily to promote an environment free of air and water, so that whatever goes in stays in the same form that it entered for as long as possible. As a result, food and yard waste that enter the landfill remain completely intact and recognizable for several years. When that material eventually does break down in the air-free landfill environment, the potent greenhouse gas, called methane, is formed and is slowly released into our atmosphere. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, methane gas can be 84- to 86-times more potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas.

I thought meat and bones were not allowed in compost?



Commercial Compost Facilities are able to handle a larger variety of organic waste than the average back yard compost pile. At Honeywagon Organics, we have developed recipes which are specially designed to foster an optimal environment for the healthy decomposition of meat and bones. Our compost temperatures are maintained around 150 degrees Fahrenheit which ensures that all weed seeds, pests and pathogens are destroyed before the compost is distributed back into the community. In addition, our facility is specially designed and permitted to protect air and water quality in the instance that an undesirable feedstock were to enter the compost site.

Can I put my biodegradable service products and bags in the compost?

There are no standards set for the term "biodegradable," therefore it is important to look for further evidence that compostable products are going to decompose in a commercial compost facility.

We recognize the BPI Certification and accept most products that carry it.

Honeywagon Organics accepts:

- BPI certified compostable serviceware
- BPI certified compostable bags
- BPI certified compostable coffee cups & lids

Honeywagon Organics does NOT accept:

- Compostable cold drink cups
- Anything labeled "Biodegradable" without the BPI certification label

Look for this symbol when selecting compostable bags and service products:

