



ORGANICS PROGRAM

There are several things to follow that are critical to making the organics program work:

- 1. Organic products must be separated from non-organic products. The following products can be recycled as organics in this program:*
 - a. All food materials.*
 - b. All milk cartons.*
 - c. Napkins/paper products including paper trays for food.*

- 2. Non organic products to go into trash containers include:*
 - a. Plastic film products used to seal food.*
 - b. Plastic containers used to hold vegetable, fruits, etc.*
 - c. Plastic utensils.*
 - d. Plastic poly trays.*
 - e. Plastic straws.*

*** limited amounts of these materials in the organics container is acceptable but we need to strive for organics that are free of these products.*

BCSD has had great success designating cafeteria employees to work directly with students to separate these products. This separation occurs in the cafeteria in an area designated for separation. Students need to be directed to the separation area, there needs to be two containers in this area with one designated for trash and one for recycling, and a cafeteria employee designated to help students with separation.

Following the separation process, materials will need to be removed to the refuse/recycling area. Bins will be in this area and will be labeled for trash and food waste. Separated materials need to be put in the appropriate bins. Trucks will come by and take these materials to the proper disposal facilities, organics to recycling and trash to the landfill.

I will be present at the schools to get the process started and to work with staff and students to facilitate making the program a success. I will be ordering decals for the 3 cubic yard refuse containers so they are properly labeled. They should be here by the first or second day of school. This is a simplified strategy that will be refined at each school. These are the basics and we will work together to make the program a success.