The City has a goal to divert 40% of waste sent to the landfill by 2027. Food waste makes up 18% of the total waste Fayetteville sends to the landfill.

The City owns and operates its own composting facility. It originally was opened to manage yard waste. In 2018 they began a commercial program collection program for schools and restaurants. In 2020, they received a USDA grant to help kick-start a residential program.

As of fall 2022 are just beginning a residential organics program. Currently the residential program is drop-off only program with no fee to participate.

- Hauling for both the commercial pick-up program and residential drop-off program is done in house by Fayetteville employees.
- Composting of all materials is completed by City employees.
- There is no charge for residents to use one of the 7 residential drop-off sites. Drop-off sites which are located at these locations: Fayetteville Compost site, Marion Orton Recycling Center, Happy Hollow Recycling Center, Trinity United Methodist Church, the Yacht Club on College, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, and Margaret’s Culinary (food truck).
- Restaurants and schools are charged $15.58 / month for collection three times a week (Mon, Wed, and Fri).
PROMOTING THE PROGRAM

- Program is promoted through:
  - Direct mailings
  - City website
  - Social media
  - A trailer at the local farmer’s market
  - Word of mouth
- Trailer is also a mobile collection unit for market attendees and farmers to put food scraps, certified food-service items and spoiled foods for composting.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

- Yard waste and organics are collected separately.
- A kitchen pail is provided to all residents who a pledge to participate correctly in the drop-off program.
- All fruits and veggies, cooked meats, Kraft paper bags, compostable plastic or compostable plastic-lined / BPI Certified compostable food service items and bags are accepted in both the residential and commercial programs.
- Compostable products have been a challenge but are inevitable. Residents want to use bags to collect their food scraps.

COMPOSTING

- Compost produced is a 30:1 carbon to nitrogen ratio static pile.
- Piles are turned using a windrow turner.
- Compost produced is Garden Compost and is tested by Midwest Laboratories, Inc.
- Contamination rate is unknown, but by starting small (limited number of residential participants) the amount of contamination is limited.

COMPOST USE

Compost can be purchased from the City by the scoop.
- Food waste compost is $36.75 / two-cubic-yard scoop
- Yard waste compost is $26.25 / two-cubic-yard scoop
- Give away to community gardens for free.