



Austin to expand availability of curbside composting program

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AUSTIN, Texas -- Soon, twice as many Austinites will be able to recycle food scraps and other compostables from their curb.



The city launched its curbside composting program 4.5 years ago, serving 14,000 Austin families.

But a dispute among recyclers held up expansion of that program. City officials say 40 percent of trash sent to the landfill now can be composted.

"Food items, meats, anything like soiled paper, greasy cardboard or the pizza box that you have, you will now be able to recycle that in the compost bin," said Richard McHale, Austin Resource Recovery.

A unanimous vote by the City Council yesterday will allow all Austin Resource Recovery customers to have curbside composting by late 2020. The program will grow every year, beginning this September.