

The River Forest Curbside Composting Program is one of the first programs of its kind in the State of Illinois. It gives residents the ability to divert food waste from the waste stream. Residents who opt-in to this program are provided 1 – 65 gallon cart along with 1 kitchen caddy. The program has grown from a handful of subscribers in 2015 to over 400 today, representing more than 13% of all households.

Businesses and institutions across River Forest have also been extended the opportunity to participate in the River Forest Curbside Composting Program. This common program across resident and business allows for the reinforcement of food waste diversion best practice not just at home but in the classroom, the community center and the retailer. Current businesses and institutions who participate in Curbside Composting include:

- **Government:** River Forest Park District, Village of River Forest Village Hall (representing Village Administration, Police and Fire)
- **Schools:** Dominican University (kitchen only), Concordia University (kitchen only), D90 (Willard, Lincoln, Roosevelt), Trinity High School
- **Businesses:** Good Earth Greenhouse, River Forest Chocolates
- **Other:** River Forest Tennis Club, River Forest Library, River Forest Community Center

River Forest's waste hauler, Roy Strom, has been a true partner with the River Forest Sustainability Commission in making this program a success. Roy Strom, now part of Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS), is committed to continued leadership in waste diversion by ensuring that their customers are provided the most sustainable collection options like the food waste diversion program in River Forest. Note that LRS is also a true leader in sustainability and sustainable waste diversion best practices. It has one of the most state of the art single stream recycling facilities in the United States.

Learn more about the Village of River Forest Curbside Composting Program here: [www.vrf.us/Compost](http://www.vrf.us/Compost).