

BIODEGRADABLE BUZZ

CHEERS TO 2026!

Happy New Year from all of us at QCC! What a ride 2025 was. We launched our pilot program in 3 out of 4 neighborhoods, hired a new route driver, helped hundreds of new residents compost, celebrated 5 years as a business, and continued building community along the way! We can't wait to do even bigger things in 2026 with all of you. Thank you for being along for the journey!

2025 RECAP

With your help this 2025, we collected **570, 478 lbs.** of food scraps and saved them from the landfill, with every single pound being locally composted.

Since our first route, **we have collected over 1.7 million pounds of food scraps in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.** We are so proud of to have reached this incredible milestone with you all!



WINTER HOUSEKEEPING

We are trying something new to prevent frozen locks this year! Thanks to advice from other composters, we've added a graphite spray lubricant that should keep locks rolling. We've cleaned up the locks, but keep this in mind when handling, as there temporarily may be some stray residue.

In the event you find an errant frozen lock, we ask for patience and recommend the following to help crack that puppy open:

1. Plan your drop-off at the warmest part of the day.
2. Use a small amount of hand sanitizer on the numbers to melt the ice quickly.
3. Hold the lock in your hands and give it a few warm breaths while jostling the numbers.

WE'RE HIRING A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR!

Do you love spreading the word about composting?
We are hiring a Community Ambassador to help us advertise our pilot program in Clifton, OTR, Downtown, and the West End. This role includes neighborhood and business canvassing, putting up flyers at local shops and on community boards, tabling events, and spreading awareness about QCC and our pilot program. This is a temporary position focused on building engagement with our residential drop-off program.

This role is 5 hours a week, \$22/hour, and runs through May 31st. If you are interested, please send your resume to lets.talk@queencitycommons.com

MEET WILL

Will is our new Route Driver and the fourth member of our QCC team! He is doing a great job taking on the day-to-day operations of compost hauling, and we're so happy to have him on board. If you see him around, say hey and give him a warm welcome!



THE SWITCH TO



In the next few weeks, we will be switching residential accounts over to **MakeSoil**, an online platform to connect with composting sites in your neighborhood. You will be able to manage your account, log your drop-offs, switch locations, and communicate with us - all in one place! Things will look a bit different, but the user experience will be much more convenient.

Stay tuned for more!

POUNDS OF SCRAPS COLLECTED BY NEIGHBORHOOD IN 2025

Clifton.....	1,270 lbs
College Hill.....	3,193 lbs
Covington.....	5,887 lbs
Downtown/OTR/West End.....	6,536 lbs
Hartwell/Wyoming.....	1,079 lbs
Hyde Park/Oakley.....	15,026 lbs
Lower Price Hill.....	3,941 lbs
Madeira.....	5,947 lbs
Mt. Auburn.....	1,176 lbs
Northside.....	19,668 lbs
Pendleton.....	1,480 lbs
Walnut Hills.....	7,648 lbs

WELCOME OUR

**NEW COMMERCIAL
CUSTOMERS**

**St. Francis Apizza
Newtown Farm
Market**

**IPM
Food Pantry**