

## Recycling Tours & Training: Diverting Organics

April 4, 2024 - Albuquerque, New Mexico

*lunch provided - attendees will use their own transportation for the day – carpooling encouraged*

*8 Continuing Education Units Available*

**AGENDA IN PROGRESS**

**9:00 – 10:15 Roadrunner Food Bank – [5840 Office Blvd NE](#) - Attendees meet by the front door at 8:50**



**Tour hosts: Jason Doan, Senior Supply Chain Manager and Alex Martinex, Director of Operations**  
Roadrunner Food Bank of NM is the largest non-profit dedicated to solving food insecurity in New Mexico. They serve as a food distribution hub and provide food to hundreds of affiliated member partners around the state including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and regional food banks. They reach tens of thousands of hungry New Mexicans every week. A large part of this operation includes rescuing expired or imperfect food. Attendees will learn about their food recovery operations, how they move and distribute perishable products effectively and how consumable food is diverted from the landfill to help reduce food insecurity in the state.

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*Travel from Roadrunner Food Bank to Village of Los Ranchos 10-15 minutes*

**10:30 – 12:00 Village of Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center - [4920 Rio Grande Blvd. NW](#)**

*You can enter the Agri-Nature Center from the gate on the east side of Rio Grande. Follow the driveway until you see the building. The gate will be open during our hours of operation.*



**Tour Host: Joshua O'Halloran - Agriculture Program Manager**

The Village of Los Ranchos operates 50 acres of land to preserve open space and to celebrate the area's agricultural heritage. The goal of the Larry P. Abraham Agri-Nature Center is to be a center of excellence in regenerative agriculture. This includes small scale agriculture, a community garden, animal husbandry and on-sight composting. Residents can drop off their food waste and organics to be composted and used on sight. The Center manages a three-bay compost system, bioreactor and windrows. Attendees will learn about the compost feedstock, different composting methods, how compost is incorporated into the Center's various crops (lavender field, corn field, orchard) and build their knowledge base to be able to start a small-scale compost operation within their own communities.

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**The afternoon portion of the day will include a group learning lunch and classroom learning at a nearby community center – Details Coming Soon!**