

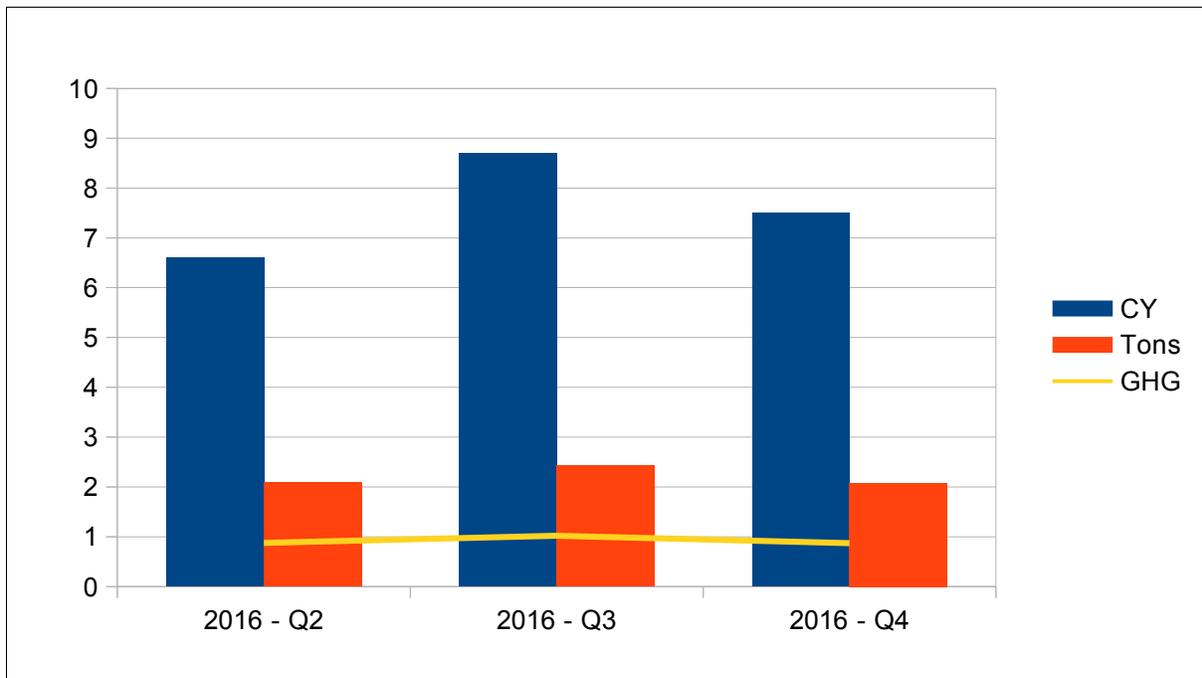


Black Bear composting

January 25, 2017

Harrisonburg Farmers Market
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Organics Recycling Report – Year-End 2016



2016 (through 12/31/16)

6.60 tons



1 ton = 2,000 lbs.

22.8 cubic yards



*... would cover an Olympic volleyball court **over four inches** deep*

2.77 metric tons of CO₂ in GHG avoidance*



*... equal to **converting 98 light bulbs** from incandescent to LED*



A Healthier Community

Your organics recycling efforts are important and when combined with the same efforts of other organizations in the community, really add up.

Since 2011, Black Bear Composting customers have had the combined impact of ...



Next Step: What Else Is In There?

With your organics in the compost bin, it is a much easier and cleaner task to assess the items still in your trash can. Take another look for other recycling opportunities to further shrink your waste stream. Food-soiled uncoated paper could be added to your compost bin. Plastic film recycling options are growing. More packaging is sporting the [How2Recycle](#) labeling system. Go ahead. Take another peek in that trash can. Bet you find something that should go elsewhere.

Keep up the fantastic work. Thanks for recycling your organics with us. Please let us know if there's anything else we can do to help.

Sincerely,



Eric Walter and the Black Bear Composting Team

* This number is the net gain of greenhouse gas avoidance by composting versus landfilling organic wastes. The calculations are based on the research and studies of the California Air Resources Board and the US EPA. The CO₂ diversions equivalencies are also based on the calculations provided by the US EPA.