

Urban Composting Services Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Service Type (Residential Composting Services, Commercial Composting Services, Municipal Composting Programs and Institutional Composting), Composting Method, Waste Type, Collection Type, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Urban Composting Services Market is accounted for \$1.7 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$2.7 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 6.8% during the forecast period. Urban composting services are organized solutions designed to help city residents manage organic waste sustainably. These services collect food scraps, yard trimmings, and other biodegradable materials from households, businesses, and institutions, transforming them into nutrient-rich compost. By diverting waste from landfills, they reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support healthier urban environments. Tailored for densely populated areas with limited space, urban composting services often operate through subscription models, drop-off points, or community hubs. They promote eco-friendly practices, strengthen local food systems, and encourage residents to actively participate in building greener, more resilient cities

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising Urban Waste Generation

The rapid pace of urbanization has led to significant increases in organic waste

generation, driving demand for urban composting services. Cities produce large volumes of food scraps, yard trimmings, and biodegradable materials daily, creating a pressing need for sustainable waste management solutions. Composting services help divert this waste from landfills, reducing methane emissions and environmental hazards. By transforming waste into nutrient-rich compost, these services support urban agriculture and green initiatives, making rising waste generation a key driver of market growth.

Restraint:

High Operational Costs

High operational costs remain a major restraint for the urban composting services market. Collecting, segregating, and processing organic waste requires significant investment in infrastructure, logistics, and skilled labor. Additionally, maintaining facilities, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations, and deploying advanced composting technologies add to expenses. These costs often translate into higher service fees, limiting affordability for households and small businesses. Without subsidies or government support, the financial burden can hinder widespread adoption, slowing the pace of market expansion in cost-sensitive regions.

Opportunity:

Government Sustainability Initiatives

Government sustainability initiatives present a strong opportunity for urban composting services. Policies promoting circular economy practices, waste reduction, and eco-friendly urban development encourage adoption of composting solutions. Subsidies, tax incentives, and awareness campaigns further support service providers and consumers. Municipal partnerships and integration into city waste management systems enhance scalability and efficiency. As governments worldwide prioritize climate action and landfill diversion, urban composting services benefit from institutional backing, positioning them as essential contributors to sustainable urban living.

Threat:

Quality Control Issues

Quality control issues pose a significant threat to the urban composting services market.

Variability in waste streams, improper segregation, and contamination can compromise compost quality, reducing its effectiveness and marketability. Inconsistent standards may erode consumer trust and limit adoption by agricultural or landscaping sectors. Ensuring reliable, nutrient-rich compost requires strict monitoring, advanced processing technologies, and vendor training. Failure to maintain quality can lead to reputational risks and regulatory challenges, making quality assurance a critical factor for long-term market sustainability.

Covid-19 Impact:

The Covid-19 pandemic had mixed effects on urban composting services. Lockdowns and disruptions in waste collection initially hindered operations, while safety concerns limited participation. However, the crisis also heightened awareness of sustainability and local resilience. With more people cooking at home, organic waste volumes increased, creating opportunities for composting services. Digital platforms and subscription models gained traction as consumers sought eco-friendly solutions.

The anaerobic digestion segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The anaerobic digestion segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, as this method efficiently processes organic waste into biogas and nutrient-rich digestate, offering dual benefits of renewable energy generation and compost production. Its scalability and ability to handle large volumes of urban waste make it highly suitable for densely populated areas. Growing investments in renewable energy and waste-to-energy projects further strengthen its adoption, positioning anaerobic digestion as the dominant segment.

The educational institutions segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the educational institutions segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, because schools, colleges, and universities generate substantial organic waste from cafeterias and hostels, making them ideal adopters of composting programs. Increasing emphasis on sustainability education and eco-friendly campus initiatives drives demand for composting services. Institutions also serve as awareness hubs, teaching students the importance of waste management and environmental stewardship. Their role in shaping future generations amplifies impact, making this segment a key growth driver.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share, due to rapid urbanization, population growth, and rising waste volumes in countries like India, China, and Japan drive demand for sustainable solutions. Government initiatives promoting waste segregation and eco-friendly practices further support adoption. Expanding infrastructure and community participation enhance scalability. With strong cultural emphasis on resource efficiency and growing awareness of climate change, Asia Pacific is positioned as the leading region in market share.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, owing to region's strong regulatory frameworks, advanced waste management infrastructure, and widespread environmental awareness fuel rapid growth. Consumers increasingly demand sustainable solutions, while municipalities integrate composting into city waste systems. Rising adoption of subscription-based models and mobile applications enhances accessibility. With robust innovation in composting technologies and growing emphasis on reducing landfill dependency, North America is set to lead in growth momentum during the forecast period.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Urban Composting Services Market include Waste Management, Inc., Urban Biologist Bali, Veolia Environnement S.A., Waste Concern, Ecompost (Tech), SUEZ, Riteways, Biolan Oy, Recology Inc., Green Techno Services, Daily Dump, Renewi plc, CompostUSA, Organics Management, and Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

Key Developments:

In October 2025, TotalEnergies and Veolia have signed a memorandum of understanding to deepen their partnership in the energy transition and circular economy. Their collaboration will leverage Veolia's strengths in water resource management and wastewater stream recovery alongside TotalEnergies' expertise in methane-emission measurement and low-carbon energy supply.

In June 2025, Veolia Environnement S.A. and Agence Française de Développement

(AFD) have formed a three-year strategic partnership to advance environmental services across Latin America, Central Asia, the Balkans, Africa, and the Middle East. Their collaboration focuses on water and sanitation, waste management, and energy sectors, aiming to reduce water-access inequalities, improve waste governance, foster circular-economy solutions, and decarbonize district-heating networks.

Service Types Covered:

Residential Composting Services

Commercial Composting Services

Municipal Composting Programs

Community-Based Composting

Institutional Composting

Composting Methods Covered:

Aerobic Composting

Anaerobic Digestion

Vermicomposting

In-vessel Composting

Windrow Composting

Waste Types Covered:

Food Waste

Yard Waste

Organic Industrial Waste

Mixed Municipal Waste

Collection Types Covered:

Door-to-Door Collection

Drop-off Collection

Community Bin Collection

End Users Covered:

Households

Restaurants & Food Service Providers

Educational Institutions

Government & Municipal Bodies

Regions Covered:

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

South Korea

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

What our report offers:

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
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