**Limited Recycling**

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| **RECYCLING PROGRAMS** | Some Single-Family Curbside Recycling  
Some Food Scrap Composting at Restaurants |
| **MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS** | Single-Family Residential: Municipal  
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| **HIGH-ROAD ECONOMIC POLICIES** | Some City Haulers: Collective Bargaining Agreement |

Unlike other Florida cities, like Tampa and Miami, **Orlando does not have a waste-to-energy facility**; however, the city is pursuing one. The city is working to make curbside recycling a citywide service and also offers weekly yard waste pickup to residents and food composting to some restaurants. Although the city is pursuing a waste-to-energy facility, there are also opportunities to create a sustainable recycling system including: developing concrete commercial recycling programs that are managed by strong service contracts or franchise agreements, introducing residential recycling requirements and increasing the frequency of recycling pickup, and utilizing high-road economic development policies to promote growth in the recycling-reliant manufacturing sector.

**Sources:**
- Interview with Orlando Department of Public Works Solid Waste Management Division
- Solid Waste Element Plan 2009
- City’s Sustainability (GreenWorks) Plan
- Orange County Solid Waste Integrated Resource Plan