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April 20 -- Alpine Waste & Recycling in Commerce City, Colo., will return compost created from Whole Foods' waste to the supermarket on Friday and Saturday.

The hauler and recycler struck a deal with Whole Foods to collect and process the markets' organic food waste and deliver it to Renewable Fiber, a Ft. Lupton, Colo., based composter. Renewable Fiber turned the food waste into compost over the course of 12 weeks.

Alpine began delivering the first load of compost -- about 188 cubic yards to date -- back to the store, where it will be given to shoppers for their home gardens.

"This has been a particularly satisfying project because you can see exactly how we are benefiting the environment from beginning to end," said John Tovado, vice president of roll-off services for Alpine. "We're involved in all stages of the process except for the part where the compost gets tilled into a guy's backyard garden."

For more information, visit [www.alpinewaste.com](http://www.alpinewaste.com).

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