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Please adopt the Vermont Rule! As noted in the Seattle Times:

Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation is preparing to adopt final regulations with guardrails that prioritize source separation, keeping food and packaging apart wherever it's practical. Under this approach, stale cereal is dumped from its box, and moldy oranges are removed from their plastic clamshell at the store. The food then goes to composting or biogas, and the packaging goes to recycling.

This is already standard practice at many grocery stores and restaurants. Source separation is quick and easy for the staff, helps reduce contamination, and diverts organic waste and recyclable materials from landfills.