

Composting

Did you know?

72 billion pounds of food is wasted every year.



What is compost?

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow.

You can compost and recycle your plant, fruit, and vegetable scraps at home to help reduce food waste.

Food scraps make up more than 28% of what we throw away. By composting at home it keeps those materials out of landfills.

What can I compost?

Do

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Fruit peels and rinds
- Eggshells
- Tea and coffee grounds
- Grass clippings
- Leaves and plant material

Don't

- Meat
- Dairy
- Animal waste
- Bones
- Fats and oils
- Plastic materials

Indoor vs. Outdoor Composting

Here are some different ways you can start
composting at home:

Backyard Composting

- Select a dry, shady spot for a compost pile or bin in your yard.
- Add brown materials like dried leaves, straw, wood chips, and green materials like fresh grass clippings or kitchen scraps, making sure to break up large pieces and moisten them if they are dry.
- When the material at the bottom is dark and rich in color, it is ready to be used!



Indoor Composting

If you do not have space for a compost bin or pile outside, you can compost materials inside using a special type of bin. You can find indoor compost bins at your local hardware or gardening store.

You can use the compost material in your soil at home or see if your local farmers market has an option for food waste drop-off.



You can search online or use local resources to find
out more about composting and how to compost!