

Composting

What is Composting

- Converts organic materials into a nutrient-rich soil known as mulch.
- You can compost at home using food scraps from your kitchen and dry leaves and woody material from your yard.

Why Compost at Home?

- Composting is nature's way of recycling.
- Most powerful way to reduce our trash, address climate change, and build healthy soil.
- Eliminates landfills & trash incinerators
- Composting saves you money by reducing the need for fertilizer and pesticides.
- Compost builds healthier soil, prevents soil erosion, conserves water, and improves plant growth in your garden and yard

Composting in Your Backyard

- Set aside space for your compost pile and build or buy a bin.
- Locate a space in your yard that is easily accessible year-round and has good drainage.
- Avoid placing it right up against a fence and ensure there is a water source nearby. Your compost pile will break down in sun or shade.
- Next, choose a type and size of bin for your compost pile. Bins can be constructed from materials such as wire, wood, and cinder blocks. They can also be enclosed and include barrels and tumblers. A simple no cost bin can be made using (4) surplus wood pallets placed on edge in a square pattern.
- As the pile of materials begin to increase they need to be turned over and kept moist to allow for the composting process to work.