



COMPOSTING

Composting is turning food and yard waste into a nutrient-rich product to improve soil and plant health. Learn all about backyard and community composting, soil improvement techniques, soil testing, and fertilizer use at our Composting and soil programs!



Why Compost?

1. Composting reduces the amount of waste going to landfills and incinerators.
2. Compost is a free soil amendment that saves gardeners money.
3. Compost improves soil structure, aeration, and water-holding capacity and contains a wide range of plant nutrients.
4. Compost can reduce some soil-borne diseases in your garden.
5. Compost "feeds" the soil food web for healthier plants.

To learn more about a Composting program near you, search your local program's website at go.umd.edu/mglocalprograms.

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