



WHAT is composting?

Composting is nature's process of recycling decomposed organic materials into a rich soil known as compost. Anything that was once living will decompose.

WHY shall we compost?

Yard and food waste make up 30% of the waste stream. Composting provides a way not only of reducing the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of, but also of converting it into a product that is useful for gardening, landscaping, or house plants. By composting your organic waste you are returning nutrients back into the soil in order for the cycle of life to continue.

HOW to compost?

The composters are located beside the tool shed of community garden.

Please DO Compost:

- Vegetable and fruit **SCRAPS** (*not whole*)
- Bread, rice, pasta, oatmeal
- Coffee grounds, tea bags (no staple)
- Eggshells (rinsed and crushed)
- Cornhusks
- Garden clippings
- Shredded **BLACK&WHITE** paper

Please DO NOT compost:

- Pet droppings
- Meat scraps or bones
- Fish or seafood
- Dairy products, greasy foods, fat, oil
- Corncobs
- Plastic or metal (**NO PLASTIC BAGS**)
- Pine needles, sticks, or weeds.

Add **EQUAL WEIGHT** of **DRY MATERIAL** (provided in the wooden box) to the composter together with your composting material and **ROTATE** the composter for a better mix!

RULE OF THUMB: THE SMALLER THE GRANULE, THE BETTER THE COMPOST



Please check the Butler composting website for more information:
<http://www.princeton.edu/~butlerap/gardening.shtml#composting>