





WHAT IS COMPOSTING AND WHY DO IT?

Composting is nature's way to recycle. It is the controlled, natural decomposition of organic matter. Microorganisms and macroorganisms break down organic materials into compost, or humus, a nutrient-rich soil amendment that improves the health and efficiency of your garden ecosystem from the ground up.

COMPOSTING HAS MANY BENEFITS FOR THE HOMEOWNER AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

-  **SOIL** Benefits your yard and garden by improving soil health and fertility, which increases plants' resilience to pests, disease, and other environmental stressors.
-  **WATER** Helps soil hold more moisture, minimizing erosion, runoff and nutrient loss, and reducing the need for frequent watering.
-  **RECYCLE** Diverts valuable organic resources from becoming hazardous materials in the landfill, and encourages natural nutrient cycling.
-  **MONEY** Saves money by conserving water and replacing the need to purchase commercial fertilizers and soil amendments.

*Composting can be practiced almost anywhere...
in your backyard, at work or at school, even in an apartment!
All you need to get started is a little bit of space, the
basic ingredients, and an understanding of the process.*

LOOK FOR THESE ICONS TO FIND THE COMPOST INFO YOU WANT, FASTER!



**PASSIVE
COMPOSTING**



**ACTIVE
COMPOSTING**



VERMICOMPOSTING