

Food Composting—The Ultimate Recycling!

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It's easier than you may think. By composting your food waste, you can **reduce** your carbon footprint, **improve** soil health for your veggie and flower garden, and **save** money on fertilizer. Plus, it's a fun and educational activity for kids to learn about nature and sustainability! ***Let's get started making some black gold!***



SOME IMPORTANT BENEFITS

IMPROVES SOIL HEALTH	REDUCES HARMFUL METHANE EMISSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds beneficial microorganisms, organic matter, nutrients that helps plants growReduces stormwater runoff because it can hold about 5x it's weight in waterHelps prevent soil erosionConfines carbon dioxide and prevents its release into the atmosphereHelps suppress weeds and diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Organic waste in landfills lack oxygen causing methane gas generation.On a 20-year timescale, methane, a potent greenhouse gas, is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide.The composting process significantly reduces these emissions.
PROVIDES LOCAL JOBS	SAVES MONEY
<p>On a per-ton basis, making compost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Employs 2x more people than landfillsEmploys 4x more people than incinerators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduces water usage and the need for fertilizers and pesticidesMore than 30% of your household waste is from food, paper, or cardboard. At-home composting can decrease trash pick-up frequency.

Food Composting Options:

At-home composting. This could be a fun and inexpensive project for the entire family. Here is a great [resource](#) to get you started, and a one-page quick [reference guide](#).

Food waste pick-up companies. If home composting won't work for you, the chart below lists local companies that will pick up your food scraps at your home twice a month. You can compare the services and incentives they offer. The food scraps are taken to Linvilla Orchards to be made into compost for participants and local farms.

As a **thank you** to the first 90 residents who sign up for food waste collection, TTGM will provide a FREE six-month supply of bucket liner bags. **Just mention TTGM when you sign up!**

	EZ Composting	Kitchen Harvest	Rot Star
Bi-weekly—1st bucket pickup charge	\$18 monthly <small>OR</small> 10% Discount if paid annually	\$18 monthly	\$22 monthly <small>OR</small> 10% Discount if paid annually
Bucket Cost	Free plus liners	Free	\$12 includes wipe downs
Free trial period	X	X	1 month
Finished Compost	30lbs	Bulk orders 20% off compost & garden soil	30lbs
Pick-up area	DelCo	DelCo	Some of DelCo*
Grows organic produce on compost site	X	Yes; delivered at the time of compost pick-up	X

See individual websites for additional bucket[s] charge.
Yard waste pick-up—Needs to be in the 5-gallon container or brown leaf bags
*Aston, Broomall, Drexel Hill, Glen Mills, Marple, Media, Middletown, Nether Providence, Newtown Square, Ridley, Rose Valley, Springfield, Swarthmore



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