

KIAWAH COMPOSTS

COMPOSTING 101

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What is composting?

Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as food scraps, into a valuable soil amendment. The resulting decomposed matter is called compost. It is rich in nutrients and can be used as a natural fertilizer.

What are the benefits of composting?



Cuts Down on Trash Expenses

The Charleston region throws away more than 30,000 tons of food scraps each year and food scraps make up one quarter of the collected garbage. Composting saves space and taxpayer money needed for disposal in landfills.



Combats Climate Change

Food waste recycling will help meet area Climate Action Plan goals, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from landfills and protecting our air and water from pollution to fight climate change.



Protects Against Flooding

Compost nourishes soil for healthier parks and gardens and increases stormwater absorption capacity.



Saves Plants and Animals

Compost reduces the need for expensive and polluting chemical fertilizers, makes plants healthier, and can be used without harming wildlife or ecosystem health.



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COMPOST WITH CONFIDENCE!

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Eggs & Eggshells
- Bread, Dough, Bakery Items, Pasta & Grain
- Coffee & Tea, Grounds & Filters
- Compostable Liquids (water, juices in small amounts)
- Cooked Meats, Fish, Bones, & Shells
- Dairy Products (milk, cheese, yogurt)
- Food-Soiled Paper (paper napkins, paper towels, paper bags, paper to-go containers)
- Processed Foods (pizza, cereal, chips, crackers, cookies, cake, plate scrapings).

UNACCEPTED ITEMS

- **NO Raw Meat (beef, poultry, pork, seafood)**
- **NO Plastic Items (bags, dishes, cups, utensils, styrofoam)**
- **NO Small Items (rubber bands, twist ties, produce stickers)**
- **NO Non-Food Items (wood, metal, glass, ceramics, pet droppings, yard debris)**
- **NO Fats, Oils, Grease or Non-Compostable Liquids (vegetable oil, lard)**
- **No Chemical Cleaners**

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