

Become an Atlantic County Master Composter

The ACUA and Rutgers Cooperative Extension have partnered to offer this training, with first registration opportunity provided to Atlantic County residents.

Come share your composting knowledge or learn how to get started!

This Hybrid Online/In-Person Training Classes includes:

- Presentations and instruction from local experts
- Field trips to see composting in action
- Hands-on projects
- Continuing education and outreach opportunities

Program Details:

- Pre-registration required
- A \$60 fee covers all program costs and materials
- To become a certified Atlantic County Master Composter, 20 compost-related volunteer hours must be completed



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Backyard Composting



Compost Basics and Master Composter Program Information



ACUA encourages backyard composting so that everyone can enjoy the benefits while protecting the environment.

Benefits of Compost

- Reduction in trash weight & volume
- Soil enrichment
- Slow release of nutrients in soil
- Increases plant's disease resistance
- Encourages beneficial fungi and bacteria
- Less money spent on water, fertilizer, and pesticides

Compost with Worms

Red wiggler worms can eat up to half their body weight in fruit and vegetable scraps every day. Building a worm bin is inexpensive, easy, and fun!



Learn how:

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Compost

This:



Nitrogen-rich ingredients:

Vegetable and fruit scraps

Breads, grains and pasta

Coffee grounds and filters

Tea bags

Eggshells

Grass clippings (untreated)

Carbon-rich ingredients:

Leaves

Small branches, twigs, sticks

Paper towels

Shredded paper

Straw

DO NOT Compost:

Meat

Dairy

Diseased plants

Weeds with seeds

Pet manure

Grease or cooking oil

Types of Containers

Visit ACUA's Compost Demonstration Site at 6700 Delilah Road in Egg Harbor Township to see a variety of bin types and styles.



Tips for Success

Water: Material should feel like a wrung-out sponge

Nutrient Balance: 30 parts carbon (browns) : 1 part nitrogen (greens). Adding more carbon rich materials like leaves (aka "browns") reduces odor

Temperature: Internal temperatures of above 104°F breaks down seeds

Size: Minimum size of 3' x 3' x 3' to maintain heat and moisture

Aeration: add browns to increase oxygen flow when turned