




Why Compost in NYC?

It's nature's way of recycling! Compost forms when biodegradable matter (listed below) decomposes. The result is a dark, crumbly material that looks and feels like soil and has an earthy smell. It's much more! Mixed with soil, compost slowly releases organic nutrients and improves water retention, benefiting houseplants, window boxes, gardens, parks and street trees.

The average NYC household discards two pounds of organic waste each day. Citywide, that's 1,000,000 tons a year! Composting turns this mountain of material into a renewable resource that helps green up NYC, indoors and out. Composting is the most energy efficient kind of recycling, and helps reduce the number of stinky garbage truck trips through your neighborhood, too!

Getting Started!

It's easy! Separate your food waste (see below) from the rest of your garbage in a recycled plastic shopping bag. You can store it in the freezer (no smell!). Bring it to a  public food waste composting site on this map in your tote bag, bike basket or rolling suitcase. Or join a  nearby community garden, many have composting for members.

Go further! Lower East Side Ecology Center offers free workshops: backyard composting, indoor vermicomposting, composting for the classroom, "leave it on the lawn" yard care and master composter certification courses. Free compost givebacks, too!  Get details on making or using compost on the **Rot Line**: 212-477-3155 or email: info@lesecolgycenter.org.

HOW TO

Step 1. Compost can be made in your garden using dead plants, leaves, twigs, vegetable peelings & grass cuttings. Step 2. Add items continually.

What can I compost?

GREENS

(materials that are rich in nitrogen)

fruit and vegetable scraps
coffee grounds and filters
tea bags
fresh leaves
green plants
prunings and hedge trimmings
grass clippings
weeds
flower bouquets
seaweed
feathers
cornstarch
organic packing materials
spoiled juice

BROWNS

(materials that are rich in carbon)

fall leaves
spent plants
small twigs and wood chips
sawdust & wood shavings (hardwood only)
shredded newspaper
egg shells
corn cobs
bread and grains
wood ashes
old potting soil
food-soiled paper towels & napkins
dried flowers
food-soiled cardboard (recycle if clean)
stale flour, cereal, spices, beans
nutshells

WHAT TO AVOID

meat and fish scraps
cheese and dairy products
fats, oils, and grease
dog and cat waste
cat litter
large branches
pressure-treated lumber
invasive weeds
weeds with seeds

pesticide-treated plants and grass clippings
diseased plants
sand
coal and charcoal ashes
colored or glossy paper
non-compostable materials such as plastics, metals and glass
anything with glue



8 As seen in Central Park



Red wiggler worms



14 Bonnie rolls in style!



16 Drop compostables anytime



Worms in the Green Apple: Vermicomposting

Worm composting (vermicomposting) is an indoor method for recycling food waste into rich compost. In your apartment, basement or classroom, fill a container with moistened newspaper and red worms, then continually add food and plant waste. Excitingly, red wiggler worms eat half their weight in food each day and leave worm castings (a.k.a. compost) behind, so it's extremely effective, even for busy New Yorkers! Free workshops are held citywide, year round – check out NYCcompost.org.

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Online Resources – also see GreenAppleMap.org

Lower East Side Ecology Center

LESecologycenter.org

Composting, waste reduction, environmental education and open space stewardship; eWaste (computers, etc.) recycling schedule.

Department of Sanitation

NYC.gov/sanitation

Click NYC Wasteless for waste reduction, paper, glass & metal recycling info or call 311.

NYC Compost Project

NYCcompost.org

City-wide workshops and compost givebacks, funded by NYC Dept. of Sanitation. Their Manhattan branch is operated by LESEC.

Industrial & Technology Assistance Corp.

itac.org

This non-profit organization helps businesses identify waste reduction strategies and organic waste hauling options.



NYC would be a whole lot greener if we all composted our food and yard waste! This map will give you great ideas about how and where to compost in Manhattan – and a connection to the pioneers who will help you turn waste into a rich resource with minimum fuss and mess.

Worms in the Green Apple was produced by the local-global eco-cultural mapping organization, Green Map System. It's our seventh Green Apple Map since 1992, and the first to focus on compost. Find composting case studies, updates and more of our maps online at GreenAppleMap.org.



Think Global, Map Local! **GreenMap.org** connects citizens and sustainability in over 350 communities.

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1 ★ 🌿 **Inwood Hill Park Nature Center**

218th & Indian Rd.
Large-scale worm bin for community & Center's food waste. Educational portable worm bin, too.

2 🍷 🌿 **Riverside-Inwood Neighborhood Garden (RING)**

Dyckman, Riverside & Broadway triangle
3 compost bins, 2 wire holding pens & worm bin. Schools program, butterflies and more.

3 🏫 🌿 **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School**

71 Arden St.
Composting cafeteria waste in rooftop garden.

4 🍷 🌿 **Riley-Levin Children's Garden Swindler Cove Park**

Harlem River Drive & Dyckman St.
Compost bin in children's garden.

5 ♻️ 🌿 **West 181st Street Beautification Project**

880 W. 181st St.
Public drop off. Compost in beautiful community garden with youth leadership program.

9 🏫 🌿 **High School for Environmental Studies**

444 W. 56th St.
Worm bins in classrooms, garden waste composting on roof and composting club.

10 🏢 **NYC Department of Sanitation Special Waste Collection Center**

605 W. 30th St. btw 11th & 12th Aves.
Public drop-off open 10am to 5pm, last Friday of each month & Saturdays, except the last one of each month. Bring batteries, fluorescent bulbs, paint, etc. No compost!

24 🏫 **City As School**

16 Clarkson St.
Composting with Project Grow entrepreneurship program.

25 🌿 **Battery Park City Parks Conservancy**

Battery Park Pl. & Thames St.
Earth Tubs compost system for office & super-market food waste. Ecologically sound "Leave it on the Lawn" policy & windrows for yard waste.

GREEN MAP LEGEND

- ♻️ Public Composting Site
- 🏫 School with Composting
- ★ Environmental Center
- 🌿 Greenmarket
- 👁️ Great Views
- 🌳 Parklands/Recreation Area
- 🍷 Community Garden
- 🏠 Rooftop Garden
- 🌿 Native Plants
- ☀️ Solar Energy
- 🗑️ Special Household Waste Station
- 🌐 Info Resources Online

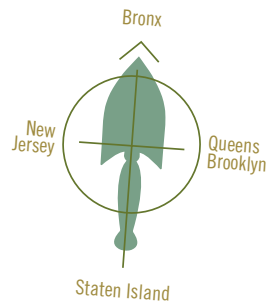
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A 🍷 community garden is a great place to start composting, and there are almost 200 🍷 in Manhattan! Most compost their yard waste to improve the soil and help plants thrive. Harlem & the East Village Garden District have the most; find the closest at OasisNYC.net. This map features 🍷 with compost and education programs & shows many more! GreenThumbNYC.org is a great 🍷 resource, as is NYRP.org, GreenGuerillas.org, TPL.org, and MoreGardens.org! 🍷 are a wonderful way to create community, clean air and compost, all at once.

♻️ **Does your favorite café or food shop compost? Ask them!**

6 🏫 **PS 76 A.P. Randolph School**

220 W. 121st St.
Fun Roly Pig compost bin and yard waste system.

7 🍷 🌿 **Pleasant Park Garden**

437 E. 114th St.
Three bin composter for yard and members' food waste built by NY Restoration Project, with rainwater recycling and straw-bale shed!

8 🌿 **Central Park Conservancy**

Compost Drive, near E. 105th St. behind Conservatory Garden
CPC composts all the Park's yard waste in windrows. Everything from fallen leaves to algae from the ponds!

"My whole life had been spent waiting for an epiphany, a manifestation of God's presence, the kind of transcendent, magical experience that lets you see your place in the big picture. And that is what I had with my first compost heap."

Bette Midler, New York Restoration Project

11 🏫 🌿 **The School of the Future**

127 E. 22nd St.
Vermicomposting of local business waste.

12 ★ 🌿 **Solar One**

E. 23rd St. & FDR Drive
Educational worm bin for Solar 1's food waste. Green building and arts, too!

13 🌿 **Stuyvesant Cove Park**

E. 18th - 23rd St. & FDR Drive
3-bin compost system for yard waste, mid-park. Riverside refreshment!

14 ♻️ 🌿 **Union Square Greenmarket**

17th St. & Park Ave. South
Public drop off & compost outreach at LESEC's stand, every MWF & Saturday, 8am to 5pm. Get this map here!

15 🍷 🌿 **Lower East Side Garden**

E. 11th St., east of 1st Ave.
Composting in Open Road's student-designed garden.

16 ♻️ 🍷 **Lower East Side Ecology Center Garden**

E. 7th St. btw Aves. B & C (north side)
Public drop off, any time through gate opening. Community garden open year-round: Sundays 8am to 5pm.

17 🏫 **Franklin Roosevelt PS 34**

730 E. 12th St.
Educational composting in historical garden setting.

18 🍷 **6B Garden, 6BC Garden**

E. 6th St. & Ave. B, corner & mid-block
Composting their own yard waste and garden members' food waste.

19 🏫 **Earth School**

600 E. 6th St.
Outdoor bins in school's garden for yard waste & students' food waste.

20 🌿 **East River Park**

Delancey St. & FDR Drive
LESEC's custom-built in-vessel food waste system composts waste collected from their public drop off sites.

21 ★ 🌿 **Grand St. Fireboat House**

Grand St. & FDR Drive
LESEC's East River Park Environmental Learning Center. Compost & ecology workshops & events, year-round!

22 🏫 **PS 134**

293 East Broadway
Classroom worm bins & garden compost site in development.

23 🏫 **PS 2**

122 Henry St.
Classroom worm bins.

