Composting in Charlottesville

Did You Know?
Approximately 1/3 of household waste is typically made up of organic materials that can be composted, instead of landfilled. Regardless of where you live in Charlottesville, composting options exist that are clean, easy to manage, and reduce your amount of trash and greenhouse gas emissions.

Where Can I Compost?
✓ Charlottesville City Market
  Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon, thru October
✓ Residential Self-Serve Drop-Off
✓ RSWA’s McIntire Recycling Center & Ivy Material Utilization Center
  www.rivanna.org/composting
✓ Residential Curbside Pick-Up
  Contract with a local business to collect your food scraps!
✓ Your Home’s Backyard

QUESTIONS? MORE INFORMATION?
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Composting is as Easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

1. **Collect food scraps** while cooking.

2. **Store your scraps** in a container with a lid until ready to take outside.  
   
   *Tip: Use the freezer for longer storage without smells*

3. **Move scraps weekly** to your outdoor compost pile or curbside/drop-off location.  
   
   *Tip: For drop-off sites, line the container with a compostable bag to keep clean and avoid spills*

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**What can I compost?**

**At Drop-Off Locations**
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Nuts, Grains & Rice
- Meat & Bones
- Milk & Yogurt
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Egg Shells
- Flowers
- Fats, Cooking Oils & Greases
- Certified BPI Compostable Packaging (To-Go Containers, Plastics, etc)
- Uncoated Paper (Napkins/Towels/Tissues)

**In Your Backyard**
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Nuts, Grains & Rice
- Flowers
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Uncoated Paper (Napkins/Towels/Tissues)

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**Do NOT Compost:**
- Trash · Diapers · Clothing · Styrofoam · Pet Waste
- Cigarette Butts · Candy Wrappers · Snack Bags