

compost

because you care!

why participate?

Currently, more than 30 percent of landfill space is made up of food scraps. Extending the life of landfills while beautifying the community is a win-win partnership. Other perks include:

- Revenue neutral
- Appreciated by wait staff
- Supports 'green' initiatives
- Benefits local industries (landscaping)
- Supports community and environment
- It's the right thing to do!

what's in it for your organization?

In addition to making a 'green' impact on our community as well as the environment, participants receive:

- 65-gallon compost container and liners
- Regularly scheduled compost pick-up
- Bilingual composting instructions and posters for staff education and training
- Window cling identification of participation in the Community Composting Program
- Recognition as a participant on the Midwest Fiber Recycling Website
- Publicity as a participant in all media relations
- Positive recognition from the community

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how food waste impacts our environment:

Food scraps make up more than 30 percent of landfill waste and along with food soiled paper total roughly 54,000 tons of waste each year. Removing these items from our landfills reduces their global warming. Decomposing food waste is a major source of methane, a greenhouse gas.

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why compost?

Turning trash into treasure since 1990, Midwest Fiber Recycling is Central Illinois' leader in full-service recycling options, including recycling, document shredding, single stream recycling, and composting.

what is composting?

Often described as nature's recycling, composting breaks down food waste, paper, leaves, and manure into an effective and potent fertilizer that will be used to beautify our community landscape.

who can participate?

Any school, restaurant, or business with food scraps can make an impact by participating!

For more information or to sign up for composting go to www.midwest-fiber.com/compost



it's as easy as...

1 contact us.

Call Midwest Fiber Recycling at 309.452.0064. We will provide your business with leak-proof compost bins and liners as well as instructions for your staff, information on costs and pick-up schedules.

2 rally your staff!

To make sure your composting efforts are successful, get your team onboard. A Midwest Fiber Recycling Compost representative can provide you with instructional materials or you can download them from our Website: www.midwest-fiber.com/compost. Enthusiastic and well-trained staff will make the difference!

3 start composting!

It's as easy as tossing food into a bin. Midwest Fiber Recycling will transport the food waste to the Illinois State University Farm for composting.

sign up today. 309.452.0064



yes or no? what you can and can't compost

acceptable compost materials

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| Food scraps | Paper |
| Bread, grains, pasta | Coffee filters |
| Coffee grounds | Pizza boxes (used ok) |
| Dairy | Paper cups/plates |
| Eggshells | Paper ice cream containers |
| Fruit (pits and nuts ok) | Paper bags |
| Leftovers | Paper take-out containers |
| Spoiled food | Tea bags |
| Meat (bones ok) | Milk and juice cartons |
| Seafood (shells ok) | Waxed paper/cardboard |
| Vegetables | Paper towels/napkins |
| Tissues | |



unacceptable compost materials

Do not place these items into the compost container!

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| Styrofoam | Cellophane |
| Glass/metal/plastic | "Biodegradable" plastic |
| Juice/milk boxes with foil liner | "Compostable" plastic |
| Ceramic dishware | Plastic bags/wrappers/film |
| Clothing/linens | Plywood/pressboard |
| Painted/stained wood | Aluminum foil/trays |
| Dirt/rocks/stones | Grease Trap Debris |
| Flower pots/trays | Medical waste |
| Foil-backed paper | Plastic-backed paper |

