

NYC Compost Project



contact info

Funded and managed through the Department of Sanitation's **Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling**, the NYC Compost Project provides compost education and outreach in all five boroughs.

www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost

Every NYC Compost Project offers a home composting demonstration site, a compost telephone helpline, and compost-related workshops and classes.

NYC Compost Project in the Bronx

The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx, NY 10458-5126

compost helpline: (718) 817-8543

email: bronxgreenup@nybg.org

web: www.nybg.org/compost

NYC Compost Project in Brooklyn

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

1000 Washington Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11225

compost helpline: (718) 623-7290

workshop registration: (718) 623-7220

email: compost@bbg.org

web: www.bbg.org/compost

NYC Compost Project in Manhattan

Lower East Side Ecology Center

P.O. Box 20488

New York, NY 10009

compost helpline: (212) 477-3155

email: info@leseecologycenter.org

web: www.lesecologycenter.org

NYC Compost Project in Queens

Queens Botanical Garden

43-50 Main Street

Flushing, NY 11355

compost helpline: (718) 539-5296

email: compost@queensbotanical.org

web: www.queensbotanical.org/compost

NYC Compost Project on Staten Island

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden

1000 Richmond Terrace

Staten Island, NY 10301

compost helpline: (718) 425-3558

workshop registration: (718) 425-3557

email: compost@snug-harbor.org

web: www.snug-harbor.org/compost



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programs

The NYC Department of Sanitation created the NYC Compost Project in 1993 to provide compost education and outreach to NYC residents, schools, community gardens, nonprofits, and businesses.

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Outdoor Composting Workshops

Learn the essentials of composting, from choosing the right bin to harvesting your finished product. You'll know what to compost, the science of decomposition, ways to speed the process, how to use your finished compost, and helpful tips to avoid or solve common problems. No prior experience is necessary.



Indoor Wormbin Composting Workshops

Let worms convert your food scraps into compost for your plants. Vermicomposting with red worms is an easy, odor-free way to compost indoors. Learn how to set up a worm bin, troubleshoot questions, and how to harvest and use the finished vermicompost.



Leave It On the Lawn Workshops

Grass clippings are 85% water and 5% nitrogen. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn not only prevents waste, it returns water and nutrients to the soil—reducing the need for fertilizer. These workshops provide step-by-step instructions on mulch mowing and seasonal lawn care.



Master Composter Certificate Course

This comprehensive train-the-trainer program includes intensive classroom instruction, field trips, and 30 hours of independent community outreach to help advance on-site composting in NYC.

Composting for Kids

Every borough offers hands-on workshops for kids, teacher "wormshops", classroom wormbin visits, and welcomes field trips to see composting in action.



Compost Demonstration Sites

The NYC Compost Project recognizes locations that have exemplary on-site composting operations, to show New Yorkers the benefits of composting.

Technical Assistance

NYC Compost Project sells compost bins, wormbins, and worms at cost. Technical assistance is available for your organization's composting efforts.



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