

**WHAT  
HAPPENS  
IN YOUR  
BACKYARD**

**STAYS IN  
YOUR  
BACKYARD**

**COMPOSTING  
AT HOME  
IN ALL 4  
SEASONS**

**EXPLORING  
OPTIONS FOR  
RETURNING  
CARBON TO  
YOUR YARD**

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# THE DIRT ON COMPOSTING

The best part about composting at home is that you are directly contributing to a closed waste stream cycle. Composting will become an easy pastime and will yield a desirable and beneficial product that you can then use and share for gardening purposes. It's not dirt... it's a super nutritive soil enhancer.

*"Information is like compost; it does no good unless you spread it around."*      *-Eliot Coleman*

# THE BASICS

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The first step is finding a suitable space for compost collection. This spot should be sunny, fairly flat, and accessible. Visit or call WSWMD to learn about different composting systems that fit your specific needs.

## NOT JUST FOOD SCRAPS

Sure, you can chuck all your food scraps in your compost pile. You can also add paper towels, soiled cardboard, waxed paper, and many more items that may have been considered trash in the past.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Is your compost too wet? Smelly? Hosting a variety of unwanted flying insects? Most likely you need more carbon in your pile. Carbon comes in the form of dried plant material, wood shavings and/or shredded paper. When in doubt, pile on more carbon and the above problems should dissipate.

## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

WSWMD houses a display area of various at home composting options. They also host regular composting workshops throughout the year. Stop by to figure out what method works for you.



**PUT YOUR FOOD SCRAPS TO GOOD USE**