



Waukesha County

Department of Parks and Land Use

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FREE WORKSHOPS TEACH HOME COMPOSTING METHODS

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Waukesha County recycling staff will be hosting two free workshops to encourage more residents to try backyard composting. Attendees will learn how to create and use compost in their yards and gardens.

“Composting is a great way for residents and municipalities to save money by reducing the need for fertilizers and garden debris collection services,” said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. “Organic materials that have traditionally been considered waste, like grass clippings, leaves, and food scraps, can avoid the landfill and become nutrient-rich soil amendment.”

According to Wisconsin waste management specialists, almost 25 percent of household trash is organic material that can be composted. Compost improves the health of lawns and gardens by providing organic material and nutrients to soil without the need for chemical fertilizers. Compost saves water by helping the soil to hold moisture and reducing water runoff. Composting leaves can reduce phosphorus reaching our lakes and rivers by 60%, which reduces weed growth and harmful algae blooms.

Interested parties can learn more about home composting at an upcoming workshop. Registration is free, but recommended before the event.

- **Saturday, March 9 – Spring Garden Workshop Series**
Retzer Nature Center, S14 W28167 Madison Street, Waukesha from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Home Composting Session begins at 11 a.m., come for one or all sessions.
[Register online](#) by Friday, March 8.
- **Wednesday, March 27 – Home Composting Workshop**
New Berlin Public Library, 15105 W. Library Lane, New Berlin from 6-7 p.m.
Register by Wednesday, March 20 by calling 262-754-1814.

For more information about composting and recycling, visit <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling> or call 262-896-8300. Like Waukesha County Recycles on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)!

About the Department of Parks & Land Use

The Waukesha County Department of Parks & Land Use, working through a combination of collaboration, education and regulation is dedicated to fostering economic development, sound land use, and the protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the County’s natural resources and health of its citizens.

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