

BACKYARD COMPOSTING 2026 Schedule

We offer a variety of types of programs at separate locations around Howard County. Find a site near you, or select one based upon the description of the activity. At all sites, Master Gardeners will help you **learn about:**

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- Composting kitchen scraps and yard trimmings in your backyard or using the [Feed the Green Bin](#) (for Howard County residents only)
- Troubleshooting or advising maintaining your [home backyard composting](#) effort or participating in the Feed the Green Bin compost collection program.
- Improving your soil's health by incorporating compost
- The impact of composting on [climate](#).

Why Compost?

According to a Howard County study, almost 30% of what we send to the landfill could be composted. Whether in your own backyard or using the Green Bin, turning kitchen scraps and yard waste into useful compost impacts soil and climate.

For more information:

Howard County's Feed the Green Bin (food scrap program) go to [FeedTheGreenBin.org](https://www.feedthegreenbin.org)

Howard County's Backyard Composting <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/public-works/backyard-composting>

Compost and Climate Change <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/composting-and-climate-change/>

Special Earth Day Celebration

Join us for composting demonstrations and giveaways at the County's largest Earth Day celebration.

[Howard County GreenFest 2026](#)

Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Pkwy

Apr 11, 10:00AM – 3:00PM

There are more opportunities on the reverse of the page.

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At Charles E. Miller Branch Library and Robinson Nature Center, Master Gardeners maintain compost bins in use and show other types of bins. At Savage and Elkridge Branch Library, participate in a drop-in program with Master Gardeners. Get information about the Green Bin, learn how to start backyard or bring questions about trouble shooting backyard composting or Green Bin use.

Charles E. Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042
Located in the Enchanted Garden

Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Apr 18	Jun 20	Aug 8
May 9	Jul 11	Aug 22
May 23	Jul 25	Sep 12
June 6		

Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Apr 13*	Jun 8	Aug 10
Apr 27	Jun 22	Aug 24
May 4	Jul 13	Sep 14
May 18	Jul 27	

*Due to limited daylight hours, this time will be 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 4:00 – 6:00 PM

(During the Farmer's Market)

May 13	July 8	Sep 9
Jun 10	Aug 12	

Elkridge Branch Library

6540 Washington Blvd. Elkridge, MD 21075

Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Mar 21	May 16	Aug 15
Apr 18	Jul 18	Sept 19

Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia, MD 21044

No fee required to come to the compost demonstration area in the upper parking lot. Admission to the Center.

Saturdays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mar 21	Jun 20
Apr 18	Aug 15

Sundays and Special Event Saturdays

Check with Robinson Nature Center for event details

May 3 **Native Plant Palooza**
(12:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

July 12 **Wild for Water**
(11:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Sept 20 **Open House**
(11:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Nov 21 **Mistletoe Maker's Mart Craft Fair**
(11:30 AM to 3:30 PM)

Savage Branch Library

9525 Durness Lane Laurel, MD 20723

Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Apr 11	Jul 11	Oct 10
May 9	Aug 8	
Jun 13	Sep 12	