

BACKYARD COMPOSTING 2024 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

A MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

- 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

At Savage and Elkridge Branch Library, participate in a drop-in program with Master Gardeners. Get information about the Green Bin or how to start backyard composting any time of the year. Bring questions about trouble shooting backyard composting or how to use the Green Bin.

Elkridge Branch Library

6540 Washington Blvd.
Elkridge, MD 21075

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

April 20 Sept 21
May 18

Savage Branch Library

9525 Durness Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Apr 20 Aug 10
May 18 Sept 14
Jun 15 Oct 19
Jul 13

More opportunities on the reverse of page.

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/>

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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. Participate in a drop-in program to get information about backyard composting and the County's Green Bin. Bring questions to trouble shoot backyard composting or using the Green Bin.

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 6	Jun 1	Jul 27
Apr 20	Jun 15	Aug 10
May 4	Jun 29	Aug 24
May 18	Jul 13	Sept 7

Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Apr 15*	Jun 3	Aug 5
Apr 29	Jun 17	Aug 19
May 6	Jul 8	Sep 16*
May 20	Jul 22	

*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 8	Jul 3	Aug 14
May 22	Jul 17	Aug 28
Jun 5		Sep 11

Special Event Saturday

Apr 20 Earth Day Celebration
(1:00 to 3:00 PM)

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 16	Aug 10
Apr 20	Oct 12
May 4	

Sundays and Special Event Saturdays

*Check with Robinson Nature Center
for event details*

June 22 Maker's Mart Craft Fair
(11:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

July 14 Wild for Water
(10:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Sept 29 Native Plant Palooza
(Noon to 4:00 PM)

Nov 23 Maker's Mart Craft Fair
(11:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

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