

BACKYARD COMPOSTING 2022 Schedule



We offer a variety of types of programs at different 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:

- Composting kitchen scraps and yard trimmings
- Starting your backyard composting with the free Howard County bin (for Howard County residents only)
- Trouble-shooting or advising for maintaining your home backyard composting efforts
- Improving your soil's health by incorporating compost

At Charles E. Miller Branch Library and Robinson Nature Center, Master Gardeners maintain compost bins in use and show other types of bins. Also, pick-up a compost bin (Howard County residents only) and get information to get started backyard composting.

Charles E. Miller Branch Library

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

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Mar 19	Jun 4	Aug 20
Apr 2	Jun 18	Sep 3
Apr 16	Jul 2	Sep 17
May 7	Jul 16	
May 21	Aug 6	

Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Apr 11	Jun 13	Aug 8
Apr 25	Jun 27	Aug 22
May 9	Jul 11	Sep 12
May 23	Jul 25	Sep 26

Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 PM

(During the Farmers Market)

May 4	Jul 6	Sep 7
Jun 1	Aug 3	

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.

Wednesdays 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Mar 16	Sep 7
Apr 6	Nov 16

Saturdays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mar 19	Aug 20
Apr 23*	Nov 5
June 25	

(*In association with Pollinator Event so program from Noon - 2:00 PM)

Sundays and during Special Events

Check with Robinson Nature Center for details

May 1 Native Plant Palooza
(Noon to 4:00 PM)

July 10 Wild for Water (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Sept 25 Open House (Noon to 5:00 PM)

Oct 16 (Noon to 2:00 PM)

At Savage Branch Library participate in a drop-in program with Master Gardeners. Pick-up a compost bin (Howard County residents only) and get information to get started backyard composting.

Savage Branch Library

9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723

Saturdays Noon - 2:00 PM

May 14	Aug 13
Jun 11	Sept 10
Jul 9	Oct 8

Along with other Howard County programs, you may get information about starting your backyard composting, pick-up a bin (Howard County residents only) and get how-to tips.

Alpha Ridge Landfill

2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Near entrance at gazebo with Rain Barrel distribution

Saturdays 9:00 - 11:00 AM

April 23	May 21	Jul 9
Apr 30	Jun 4	Jul 16
May 7	Jun 11	
May 14	Jun 25	

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Up-to-date schedule available on the website for Howard County Master Gardeners at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/howard-county/environment-and-natural-resources/master-gardener/composting>. Please call in advance to confirm program during inclement weather.