

BACKYARD COMPOSTING 2023 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:



COMPOSTING

A MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

- Composting kitchen scraps and yard trimmings
- Starting your backyard composting with the free Howard County bin (for Howard County residents only)
- Troubleshooting 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 backyard compost bin (Howard County residents only) and get information to start 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 18	Jun 3	Aug 5
Apr 1	Jun 17	Aug 19
Apr 15	Jul 1	Sep 2
May 6	Jul 15	Sep 16
May 20		

Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Apr 10*	Jun 12	Aug 14
Apr 24	Jun 26	Aug 28
May 8	Jul 10	Sep 11*
May 22	Jul 24	

* Due to shorter days, the time will be 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 PM

(During the Farmers Market)

May 3	Jun 21	Aug 9
May 17	Jul 5	Aug 23
Jun 7	Jul 19	Sep 6

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 18*	Oct 14
Apr 22	Nov 11
Aug 12	

* This date the hours are 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays and during Special Events

Check with Robinson Nature Center for details

May 7 Native Plant Palooza

(Noon to 4:00 PM)

June 11 Summer Solstice Makers

(Noon to 5:00 PM)

July 9 Wild for Water

(Noon to 5:00 PM)

Sept 24 Open House

(Noon to 5:00 PM)

More opportunities on reverse.

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At Savage Branch Library, participate in a drop-in program with Master Gardeners.

Pick-up a backyard compost bin (Howard County residents only).

Get information to start composting any time of the year. Or get ideas to trouble shoot backyard composting.

Savage Branch Library
9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

May 13	Aug 12	Nov 4
Jun 17	Sept 16	
Jul 15	Oct 14	

Alpha Ridge Landfill

2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104
Near entrance of the landfill at gazebo

Saturdays 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apr 29	Jun 3	Jul 1
May 6	Jun 17	Jul 8
May 13		Jul 15
May 27		

At Alpha Ridge Landfill, participate in a drop-in program with Master Gardeners. See compost bins in use.

Pick-up a backyard compost bin (Howard County residents only).

Rain barrels are distributed by appointment only during this time. Read more at:
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/public-works/rain-barrel>

Why Compost?

Almost 30% of what we send to the landfill we could compost and turn into a valuable soil enhancement product! For more information:

Howard County's Feed the Green Bin (food scrap program) go to FeedTheGreenBin.org

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

Please share this information with friends, family and neighbors.

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