

# Sustainability Week 2021: COMPOSTING

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## Importance

Composting is the development of biologically-rich soil that can be added to gardens to provide nutrients for plants. Adding compost to a garden can improve airflow and water retention, stabilize pH levels, and support beneficial bacteria in soil.

Compost is used at the Campus Garden to help increase production of the vegetables that are grown annually by interns working for the Sustainability Office. Having compost readily available helps to lower operations costs by decreasing or eliminating the need to purchase fertilizers or other soil amendments.

What SHOULD be composted on campus:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Grains
- Soups & sauces
- Eggs & egg shells
- Newspaper
- Leaves & evergreen needles
- Dryer lint
- Dust
- Human & pet hair
- Coffee grounds
- Loose leaf tea

What should NOT be composted on campus:

- Dairy
- Meat
- Bleached or dyed materials
- Plastics
- Pet waste
- Cooking oil

## Location

There are two compost systems on campus and both located at the Campus Garden. One system is situated on the north side of the garden plot along the tree line and the other is situated in the middle of the garden plot near the picnic table and large tree. Both are wooden systems with multiple receptacles. Any of the receptacles may be used when dumping compost.

