

Organics Recycling — The Beauty of Compost!

Spring cleaning includes more than just organizing your garage and closet—you can start composting! Composting is the process of reusing food to create a natural fertilizer. In other words, you're combining organic materials that are rich in carbon ("browns") and nitrogen ("greens").

The County [sells backyard compost bins](#) at a discounted rate and is collaborating with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County to host [how-to compost workshops](#).

Compost Awareness Week:

Compost Awareness Week is an annual, international event meant to raise public awareness about the benefits of composting. *This year, Compost Awareness Week runs from 5/04—5/10!*



Taking care of your property:

If you begin composting in May, you'll realize how many yard trimmings you can reuse in your pile as "browns". From grass piles left over from mowing the lawn to raked leaves, throw it in the pile and have it decompose!

Taking advantage of the weather:

Compost breaks down faster in warm weather because of the heat. Starting a compost pile in May can result in creating compost quicker, especially if you plan to garden in the late summer or early fall.

Preparing for summer festivities:

With compost in mind, you'll be better prepared to reuse food waste ("greens") and wax-free paper products ("browns") instead of throwing them away.

You can compost leftovers like banana peels, bread, and more — *just no meat or oils!*

You can also visit [Cornell Cooperative Extension's](#) or the [DEC's](#) website for more information!

