

# Join the Durham Middlefield Compost Pilot Program!

Durham-Middlefield Food Scrap Recycling pilot project is starting September 1, 2021.

All material collected is brought to a commercial composting facility where it is turned into compost.

Purchase a starter kit, starting August 1st!

**For more information please visit:**

<https://rebrand.ly/Compost-Pilot>



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**Everyday ECO  
Save the Scraps!  
Activity Kit**



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**Activity Booklet Developed By: Lynna Vo**

# ??? What is Composting? ???

Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter where waste decomposes naturally under oxygen rich conditions.

## 5 Benefits of Composting

- 1) Adds nutrients to soil which makes soil and plants healthy
- 2) Introduces valuable organisms to soil and can reduce need for chemicals (ex: fertilizers)
- 3) Recycles kitchen and yard waste   
- 4) Reduces landfill waste and lowers your family's carbon footprint. The more waste composted, the less waste is in landfills
- 5) Good for the environment!

## What Can You Compost?

### Materials Included in Kit

- What Can You Compost? Handout

### Let's Go On A Virtual Field Trip!

Learn More About Composting By Watching These Videos Below!



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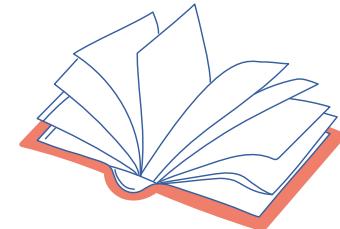
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## Animated Audiobook

"Save the Scraps" By Bethany Stahl

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## Composting Experiment

### Materials Included in Kit

- Quart Sized Plastic Bag - Use bag that kit materials came in
- Straw
- Composting Experiment Observation Log

### Instructions

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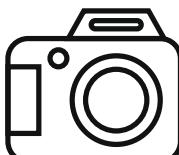
Collect some food scraps and an egg carton from home. Cut food scraps and egg carton into small pieces  
Note: Chop food scraps into super small pieces to speed along the process

2

You want your compost to be about 60% egg carton and 40% food waste (veggies are fastest). Zip the top of the bag, but place the straw at one end for some air. Add some water so that everything gets mushy.

3

Use the Observation Log to track the mini compost's progress. Make sure to mush it around a little each day, add water when needed and to be patient. In a few weeks you will have some rich compost! You can make this experiment on a larger scale by creating a compost bin!



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