

Home Trash & Recycling



COMPOSTING

Compost is made from collected yard waste

- It contains nutrient-rich organic matter produced by decomposition of once-living material, such as leaves, vegetables, fruit, plants, weeds, stems, twigs, bugs, animals and microbes that die and decay.
- Compost, which becomes a dark brown, earthy substance over a few months, can be used in gardens, yards or houseplants.
- Composting is important because 20 percent or more of household waste is organic materials that can be composted, rather than disposed, thus saving landfill space.
- Compost is a valuable soil amendment that will help your plants thrive.
- Compost helps your landscape retain water and nutrients better and that means you can irrigate and fertilize less in areas treated with compost.

Composting your yard debris and food waste is a great way to reduce the amount of material your household contributes to our landfill and provides you with an excellent material to benefit your plants, lawn and garden.

Composting is easy and can be done in just about any household. These Web sites provide information about the benefits of composting, how to compost, and what you can do with the composted material:

[University of Florida Cooperative Extension Services](#)

[Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence](#)

Sarasota County provides free compost and mulch to residents. Information about that program is on the [Landfill web page](#).