



BACKYARD COMPOSTING

2020 Schedule

We offer a variety of types of programs at different 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 kitchen scraps and yard trimmings
- Starting home composting with the free Howard County bin
- Trouble-shooting or advising for maintaining backyard composting
- 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 compost bin (Howard County residents only) and get information to get started backyard composting.

Charles E. Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042
In the Enchanted Garden

Saturdays 10:30 AM - Noon

April 18	June 20	Sept 5
May 2	July 18	Sept 19
May 16	Aug 1	Oct 3
June 6	Aug 22	Oct 17

Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Apr 20	Jun 22	Sept 14
May 4	July 13	
June 8	Aug 10	

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

March 7	Aug 1
April 4	Oct 3
June 6	

Sundays during Special Events

Check with Robinson Nature Center for details

May 3 Native Plant Palooza (Noon to 4:00 PM)
July 12 Wild for Water (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM)
Sept 27 Open House (Noon to 5:00 PM)

Special Events

At community events you may get information about starting your backyard composting and pick-up a bin (Howard County residents only).

- GreenFest at Howard Community College on April 4 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Whipps Cemetery Plant Sale on May 9
- Howard County Conservancy Fall Festival October 4 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Pick-up a compost bin (Howard County residents only) and get information to get started in backyard composting from Master Gardeners.

Other Howard County Branch Library sites

Glenwood Branch Library

2350 Rte 97, Cooksville, MD 21723

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

April 18	Aug 15
Jun 20	Sept 19
Jul 18	

East Columbia Branch Library

6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

Saturdays 10:30 AM - Noon

Jun 20	Sept 19
Aug 15	

Along with other Howard County programs, you may get information about starting your backyard composting, pick-up a bin (Howard County residents only) and get how-to tips.

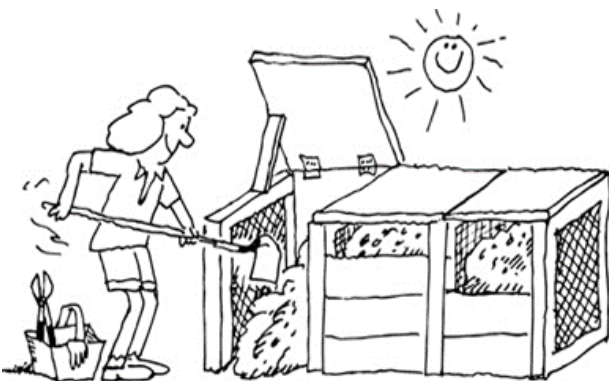
Alpha Ridge Landfill

2350 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104
Near entrance at gazebo with Rain Barrel distribution

Saturdays 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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Up-to-date schedule available on the website for Howard County Master Gardeners at <https://extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/composting>. Please call in advance to confirm program during inclement weather.



Ask questions and get *how-to* advice from Howard County Master Gardeners. Receive a FREE composting bin (only for Howard County residents).

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