



Composting for a Greener Tomorrow

Why Composting Matters Composting is a simple yet powerful way to make a positive impact on the environment and support sustainable agriculture. **Reduce Landfill Waste** When organic matter like food scraps ends up in landfills, it decomposes anaerobically, producing harmful greenhouse gases like methane. Composting diverts this waste from landfills, reducing their environmental impact. **Nourish the Soil** Compost is a nutrient-rich soil conditioner that improves soil structure and fertility. By adding compost to your garden, you can grow healthier plants and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers. Composting reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, lowering the environmental footprint of conventional agriculture. It also conserves water by improving soil's moisture retention.

What is Veganic Compost? Veganic compost is a form of composting that excludes any animal-derived materials, such as manure, bones, or fish products. Instead, it relies on plant-based materials, such as vegetable scraps, leaves, and yard waste, to create nutrient-rich compost. Veganic composting aligns with vegan principles and is a sustainable way to recycle food scraps while respecting animal welfare.

How it Works **Collect Your Food Scraps:** Throughout the week, fill your provided composting bucket with the specified food scraps. **What to Collect** You can help make a difference by collecting the following veganic food scraps in your provided composting bucket:

- o Fruit and Vegetable Scraps 🍎🥬
- o Coffee Grounds and Filters ☕
- o Tea Bags (remove staples or labels) 🍵
- o Bread and Grains 🍞
- o Nut Shells 🥜
- o Plant-Based Leftovers 🍲
- o Herb Trimmings 🌿
- o Non-Dairy Food Scraps 🥛

Return Your Bucket: On Sundays, make sure the lid is securely closed and return your filled bucket to the designated drop-off point. **Receive a New Bucket:** When you return your bucket, you will receive a clean, empty one to start the process again. **Community Garden Composting:** Your food scraps will be used to create nutrient-rich compost at Ahwatukee Community Garden. **Composting Beyond:** Any food scraps we can't process at ACG will be transported to The Orchard Learning Center compost, ensuring nothing goes to waste. **Benefits Come Full Circle:** The processed compost will return to the community garden, nurturing our plants to produce more food for everyone to enjoy. **Join the Composting Community!** Together, we can make a significant difference in reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Thank you for your contribution to a greener tomorrow! For more information or questions, please contact us at ahwcomgarden@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://acgarden.weebly.com>.