



*jersey city*

# COMPOSTING

workshop





# COMPOST BINS

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- ◊ There are numerous types of compost bin
- ◊ They can all work just as well as each other





# 3 MAIN STEPS TO COMPOSTING



**Step 1** - Placing your bin

**Step 2** - What can go in

**Step 3** - Making good compost





## STEP 1

# PLACING YOUR BIN

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- ⌋ The bins are best sited on a level, well drained spot
- ⌋ This allows excess water to drain out
- ⌋ This allows better aeration
- ⌋ Worms can get in easier
- ⌋ Placing a compost bin in a partially sunny spot can help speed up the composting process





## STEP 2

# WHAT TO *INCLUDE*?

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- Beans
- Bread
- Coffee Grounds
- Eggshells
- Flowers
- Fruit waste
- Grains
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tea bags
- Vegetable peelings



These items are considered "Greens". These provide nitrogen and moisture to the compost heap.





## STEP 2

# WHAT ELSE TO INCLUDE?



- Cardboard
- Crumpled up paper
- Egg boxes
- Fallen leaves

These are called "Browns". They rot a lot slower and  
pockets of air to form.





## STEP 2

# WHAT TO *EXCLUDE*?

- + All Plastic
- + Aluminum Foil
- + Animal Products
- + Chemicals
- + Compostable Plastics (Bags, Cups, Utensils, Etc.)
- + Frozen Food Boxes
- + Human & Animal Waste
- + Liquids
- + Meat
- + Metal
- + Produce Stickers
- + Staples In Tea Bags
- + Styrofoam
- + Waxed Cardboard

**+ NO COMPOSTABLE BAGS**  
at drop-off spots





## STEP 3

# COMPOST ESSENTIALS

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◃ Air

◃ Water

◃ Food

The items we add to the bin provide these. Air, water and food are essential in order for the materials to break down.

The materials biodegrade, this means to rot down.







## STEP 3

# MORE COMPOST ESSENTIALS

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- ( Ants
- ( Beetles
- ( Centipede
- ( Earwigs
- ( Slugs
- ( Worms

The general rule is the more diversity of creatures in your compost bin the more quickly it will break down.



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## STEP 3

# WORMS AND BEETLES

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## What do they do?

- Worms eat away at the matter in the compost bin and break down the material. They also help to add air to the soil.
- Beetles and Flies also eat away at the matter and work together to turn this waste into compost.





## STEP 3

# REMOVING AND USING YOUR COMPOST

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- Compost can be compact, so you may need a tool to assist
- Compost is a soil amendment
- Notice what doesn't break down





# DROP-OFF SPOTS IN JERSEY CITY

Food waste can be dropped off each weekend throughout the Summer and Fall, 2020.

**Brunswick  
Community Garden**  
174-176 Brunswick Street  
Jersey City, NJ 07302

**City Hall**  
280 Grove Street, back lot  
Jersey City, NJ 07302

**Congregation  
B'nai Jacob**  
176 West Side Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
SUNDAYS ONLY

**Department of  
Public Works**  
13-15 Linden Ave E  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

**Five Corners Library**  
678 Newark Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

**LCCS**  
2495 John F. Kennedy Blvd,  
on Kensington  
Jersey City, NJ 07304

**Pop Up Jackson Hill**  
349 Martin Luther King Dr.  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
SATURDAYS ONLY

**Riverview  
Farmer's Market**  
498 Palisade Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07307  
SUNDAYS ONLY





# DATA COLLECTION

If you do participate in our backyard program,

<https://bit.ly/weeklycompostjc>

Use the formula 2 pounds per person per week. If you have 3 people in your household, write 6.

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<https://bit.ly/compostdatajc>





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**THANK YOU**

*for attending our workshop*

