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CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Champaign County

COMMON GROUND CO-OP
300 S. Broadway Suite 166 Urbana, IL

Did you also know that we have composting stations for our customers but also for each fresh department at the co-op, like Produce, Deli, Kitchen, and Bakery? Not only do we divert food from the landfill but we divert food scraps, too! We work with farmers who are invested in picking up compost on a daily basis. Compost items consist of coffee grounds, peeled potato skins, our deli plates, and more. Our compost feeds hogs and chickens at Old Dixie Pastures in Fithian, IL and is converted into healthy soil at The Mulberries Farm and Orchard in Champaign.

McLean County

BN COMMUNITY COMPOSTING (in Bloomington-Normal)
Normandy Village in Normal, Illinois

Easy residential composting service is now available through a unique drop-off program using a kiosk with key-card access. Residents can sign up for the service through the purchase of a Kiosk Starter Kit for $20.99. The Starter Kit includes a 5-gallon bucket, educational materials, a 30-pack of compostable liners, and your kiosk access card. When you run out of liners, you can get a refill for $16.50 which includes another 30 liners and covers composting costs.

St. Clair County

ST.LOUIS COMPOSTING
5841 Mine Haul Rd Belleville IL

Drop Off- Residential of Yard Waste, Food Scraps

NORTH MILAM RDF
601 Madison Rd East St Louis IL

Drop Off- Residential of Yard Waste, Food Scraps, Woody Material

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Tazewell County

THE GIVING GARDEN
2557 Centennial Drive, Washington, IL

We use only natural ingredients - such as eggshells, used coffee grounds, epsom salt, neem oil, wood ash, maple leaves, cinnamon, garlic, hot peppers, and vinegar - to maintain healthy soil and keep away weeds and pests. We are in constant need of these ingredients.
NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Cook County - Suburban

EVANSTON REBUILDING WAREHOUSE - COLLECTIVE RESOURCE
1245 Hartrey Avenue, Evanston IL

You might recognize their name as one of the retail stores that host a food scrap drop-off program using our Neighbor Totes.

OAK PARK COMPOSTABLE PROGRAM
102 N. Lombard Ave, Oak Park, IL

Residents who live in multifamily buildings too large to participate in the Village collection program but still wish to compost may leave food scraps in the clearly labeled carts adjacent to the Oak Park Water Pump station, 102 N. Lombard Ave. Scraps may be stored in ASTM 6400 standard compostable bags or wrapped in newspaper. Consider freezing scraps to ease transportation to the site. Plastic bags or other non-organic material placed into the cart will cause contamination requiring the cart contents be sent to the landfill.

PATRIOT ACRES
611 Milwaukee Ave Ste 815 Glenview, IL

The Patriot Acres, LLC will operate a state-of-the-practice organics recycling facility that is conveniently located to serve the Metropolitan Area of Northeast Illinois. The facility will accept landscape trimmings, food scraps and selected organic discard materials for recycling into high quality compost.

VILLAGE FARMSTAND - COLLECTIVE RESOURCE
810 Dempster Street, Evanston, IL

We’ve been busy creating drop-off programs at some of our retail composting sites. The first to launch was Village Farmstand in the 4th ward in Evanston. They are hosting one of Collective Resource Compost’s Neighbor Totes. You can reserve your spot online and while you’re there, add some of their farm-fresh produce to your cart.

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Cook County - City of Chicago

**65TH & WOODLAWN COMMUNITY GARDEN**
1228 E 65th Street, Chicago

We garden organically and have compost bins that are open for neighbors to contribute to.

**BUSH COMMUNITY CHILDREN’S GARDEN**
8457-59 S Buffalo Avenue, South Chicago

**THE DILL PICKLE FOOD CO-OP MARKET & DELI**
2746 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL

We’ve worked with [The Ground Rules](#) for years to recapture organic waste from our produce department and deli, returning nutrients to the soil in neighborhood gardens. We’re excited to expand this effort with a home composting service open to the Dill Pickle community. Sign up at check-out to get started! $19.99 initial refundable deposit, includes first bucket. $9.99 per bucket composting fee, paid at the register each time you take a new bucket home from the co-op. ($5.99 per bucket for co-op owners!). Bring your full bucket to the compost cage in the back parking area of the co-op during open hours and ring the receiving doorbell for staff assistance. We’ll accept your full bucket and sign you out an empty bucket. Let your cashier know to add the new bucket fee to your total at checkout. Be sure your bucket’s lid is securely attached. Lidless or overflowing buckets can’t be accepted. Return your full bucket within a week or two, before the contents turn anaerobic. Sort carefully! Here’s a quick list of materials that can and can’t be composted with The Ground Rules:

- **Compost!**
  - Raw fruits & veg: peels, husks, rinds
  - Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
  - Egg shells, cardboard egg cartons
  - Shredded paper, napkins, plates
  - Flowers, house plants

- **Don’t Compost**
  - Meat of any kind
  - Dairy, including cheese, butter, yogurt
  - Pizza, dough, fermented foods, pickles/vinegar/soy sauce
  - Oils, fats, candles
  - Salty snacks, candy
  - Animal or human manure, pet litter
  - Plastic, glue, clothing

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EL PASEO COMMUNITY GARDEN
944 W. 21st Street Chicago, IL

In order to best comply with the city’s compost ordinance, our compost bins will be locked to the general public. If you would like to compost please apply for our 2021 compost program by April 12th, 2021. In order to not overwhelm the compost system and volunteers, the number of compost members is limited to 20. To best serve our immediate community, preference for the compost program will be given to existing garden members, volunteers, and those in closest proximity to the garden. $40 compost membership gets you:
- Compost workshop and orientation (TBA)
- Optional 2 gallon compost bucket and lid
- Included in garden internal world group (Slack)
- Free reservation for fire pit and patio (min $25 value)
- Discounted membership fees the following year for those that have volunteered to maintain the compost bins

Compost program is included at no additional cost to garden members. However, please register below to help us track our compost capacity. If you are unable to become a member, composting will be available for volunteers during our weekly Stewardship Days on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm.

GREEN CITY MARKET
Lincoln Park - 1817 N Clark St Chicago, IL
Mary Bartelme Park - 115 S Sangamon St Chicago, IL

Green City Market is committed to creating a more sustainable food system in Chicago from the shopping bag to the compost bin. We partner with Healthy Soil Compost to offer compost drop-off services for our community at our year-round farmers markets.
- Download Green City Market’s Guide to Composting (.pdf) to learn what you can compost with us and how to get started.
- Form a composting habit and get rewarded - compost with GCM four times and get the fifth drop-off free! Stop by the Info Booth to start a loyalty card and get started.
  - We believe composting should be accessible to everyone - if you use Link with Green City Market, your compost fee will be waived.
  - Please note, space is limited, so arrive at the market early if you plan to drop off compost! If our compost bins fill up, we will stop accepting drop-offs for the remainder of the market day.

NEIGHBOR SPACE
Chicago

NeighborSpace is the only nonprofit urban land trust in Chicago that preserves and sustains gardens on behalf of dedicated community groups. We shoulder the responsibilities of property ownership - such as providing...
basic insurance, access to water, and links to support networks - so that community groups can focus on gardening. NeighborSpace-protected gardens give young and old alike an opportunity to get their hands in the earth and enjoy nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

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**PLANT CHICAGO**
4459 S. Marshfield Ave Chicago IL

Bring your kitchen scraps to the marketplace during our open hours and we’ll send them off to a local composting facility to be turned into nutrient-dense compost for local farms. See this guide from our composting partner for details on what types of household organic materials you can drop off.

**THE URBAN CANOPY**
You can swap out your compost bucket at our office location for $5 per bucket swap. This is available at anytime! Email us at compost@theurbancanopy.org for more information on how to compost with this option!

Our Farmers Markets also allow you to compost! Market customers can pick up a compost bucket at any of our markets and drop it off when it gets full.

Schedule of drop-off sites at Farmers Markets:
https://www.theurbancanopy.org/fm-schedule?view=calendar&month

**FARMERS MARKET SCHEDULE**
$5 dollars for your first bucket and $5 per bucket swap.
West Town Health Market - 2233 W Division St (southeast corner of Division St. & Oakley Blvd.)
Lincoln Park Farmers Market - 2011 N Orchard St (Lincoln Park High School parking lot)
61st Street Farmers Market - 6100 S Blackstone Ave
Glenwood Sunday Market - 1241 W. Pratt Blvd.
Maxwell Street Market - 800 S Desplaines St
Beverly Farmers Market - Market is located at the corner of 95th Street & Longwood Dr.
Bronzeville Farmers Market - 4700 S. Martin Luther King Drive
Englewood Farmers Market - 1219 West 76th Street

If you sign up for residential pickup service, you cannot drop off at farmers markets. If you do drop offs at markets, we cannot do at home pickups, unless you sign up for that service. Both of these billing systems are separate and independent of each other.
DuPage County

**INDIAN PRAIRIE LIBRARY**
401 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL

**SUNNY PATCH COMMUNITY FARM**
Darien, Illinois

**SUSTAIN DUPAGE GARDEN**
Main St, Wheaton, IL
In an effort to relocalize our nutrient cycle in DuPage County, our nonprofit has begun a program to collect community compost. Anyone may drop off the kind of compost we accept. We are happy to provide this pilot program as a free service at this time. [Here is a link that will get you to our Garden](#). From there, head Northwest a few paces until you see the wooden pallet compost bins. If you are dropping off food scraps or non-sprayed grass clippings, please dump the scraps in the bin closest to you as you walk up, it would be the bin to the furthest right. The Theosophical Society Grounds (upon which our garden is located) is only open while the sun is up - please respect this rule.

Kane County

**GREEN SOILS MGMT COMPOST**
32W007 IL-72, East Dundee, IL 60118 East Dundee IL
Drop Off - Residential of Yard Waste, Food Scraps

Lake County

**GRAYS LAKE RECYCLING CENTER**
Richard O. Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center - 585 Berry Avenue, Grayslake, IL
Richard O. Whittington Grayslake Recycling Center, located at 585 Berry Avenue, is now accepting food scraps for drop-off. This is a **FREE** service to residents. The Center is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon, excluding holidays.

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FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING
Illinois Drop-Off Locations

PRAIRIELAND DISPOSAL & RECYCLING CENTER
(847) 381-9300
Residential drop-off

McHenry County

Midwest Organics Recycling LLC
29353 N Darrell Rd McHenry IL
Residential drop-off of Yard Waste, Food Scraps, Animal Waste

Will County

CHRISTIANSEN FARMS
12151 W Wilmington Rd Peotone IL
Drop Off- Residential of Yard Waste, Food Scraps

LAND & LAKES CO-WILLOW RANCH
1371 Joliet Rd Romeoville IL
Drop Off- Residential of Yard Waste, Food Waste
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

OTHER DROP OFF RESOURCES

SHAREWASTE
International

Open the ShareWaste map and look for a host marker near you. Send the host a private ShareWaste message to introduce yourself and arrange the first drop-off. Store food scraps that the host can accept in a container until you have enough for a contribution. Start bringing your food scraps to your host so they can compost it or feed it to the animals.