

ICAW GUIDE FOR MUNICIPALITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Join communities and organizations across the state, and become a hub to help promote International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW), the largest, most comprehensive initiative of the global compost community. We bring people together, to share resources and educate about the benefits of composting, and diverting organics and food scraps from our waste streams. It's held the first full week in May each year. Themes have included conservation, climate, soil health, wasted food, & biodiversity.

The Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition (IFSCC) organizes a variety of statewide educational events each May, called Adventures in Composting.

Organizations that have taken part include:

- Municipalities, Villages, Cities, Townships, including events at Village Halls, Public Works, Highways Departments, D.O.T, County Departments, Forest Preserves, & Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Park & Recreation Districts
- Go Green and other environmental/conservation groups
- Corporate Offices & Businesses
- Farmer's Markets
- Garden Clubs & Community Gardens
- Local Farms, Farm Bureaus and Local Nurseries
- Local Compost Facilities/Sites
- Faith Communities
- Libraries & Schools (we have a separate guide for)
- Other Community Groups & Organizations—all are welcome

Resources we can Provide (no cost):

- **Toolkit full of printables and information** for all ages, with loads of event and display ideas and materials.
- **Educational materials**, including, one-pagers, infographics, how-tos, activities, games, signage, curated book list, and more you can use to create a variety of programs and events for your Adventure/s!
- **Help with programming & event creation and development** w/ resource sharing and brainstorming.
- **SWAG!** Official art posters, bookmarks, and other as supplies last.
- **Your Adventure listed** on our website.
- **The opportunity to be a part of a large, world-wide, environmental initiative**, helping to promote and inspire composting locally and abroad, wasted food reduction, and environmental awareness and education.

Ideas for Adventures

- **Hold fun and informative programs** or events to celebrate.
- **Host a Compost Giveback** (we have a guide for this too and can help!).
- **Create an info/resource table:** Provide one-pagers, how-to, activity sheets, and more throughout the week in lobbies or other main areas, using our toolkit.
- **Promote and send info out in your community** letting people know about all of the other Adventures in Composting happening around the region.
- **Offer tours or demonstrations.**
- **Invite speakers/guests and collaborate** w/others.
- **Join our Compost Café**
- **Promote Curbside Composting Programs or Drop-offs** available in your community.
- **Highlight a local garden** or gardens.
- **Donate compost** to a garden or where needed.
- **Offer giveaways** of compost bins, rain barrels, kitchen pails, tools and accessories, native plants, etc.
- **Like a compost pile, almost anything goes!**



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The IFSCC is a thriving not-for-profit organization advancing diversion and composting of all organics in Illinois through advocacy, program implementation, market and business development, policy and education/ outreach.

