

# COMPOSTING FAQ

## 1. What is Compost?

Compost is organic matter, such as raw food scraps, fallen leaves, and coffee grounds, that has been decomposed and recycled to use as fertilizer for growing new plants.

## 2. Why is composting important?

Composting is beneficial in many ways. It is used as an organic fertilizer for soil and greatly contributes to a cleaner environment. By composting your raw food scraps, you are reducing the amount of trash that is put in a landfill and reducing pollutants in the air.

## 3. What is the difference between compost and soil?

Compost is much more nutrient dense than enriched soil alone and benefits the growth of plants greatly when combined with soil. The bacteria in compost works with plants to help them grow faster and healthier usually allowing for more flowers and fruits to grow.

## 4. What materials are compostable? What is not?

YES:	NO:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Raw food scraps (such as banana peels, apple cores, vegetable skin peels, ext)</li><li>*Egg shells</li><li>*Coffee grounds and filters</li><li>*Paper napkins (unbleached)</li><li>*Leaves</li><li>*Tea bags</li><li>*Newspaper</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plastic, aluminum, or any other recycled material (put in the recycle)</li><li>Cooked food scraps</li><li>Meat scraps</li><li>Pet waste</li><li>Dairy products</li><li>Breads and grains</li></ul>

## 5. Is compost smelly?

If you turn compost enough (like we do) it does not become smelly at all and begins to break down into good smelling soil. Compost only begins to smell if your pile of organic materials sits still for a long period of time in the heat and moisture.

## 6. Where can I use my compost?

The compost pile at CofC is used for the grounds department who add it to the soil whenever they plant new flowers and trees around campus. If you create your own compost pile you can use it for your own backyard gardens or even potted plants!

**7. Where can I drop off my compost?** From 9am - 3pm every Friday there will be a big bin outside the grounds department offices at George St. and Coming St. where you can place your organic materials. Receiving compost from the student body will not only help out the environment, but also contribute to a better and more beautiful campus!