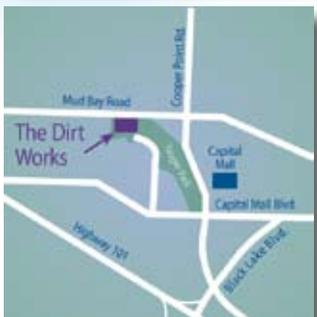


See Compost at Work

See the benefits of composting at these demonstration gardens. For hours call (360) 867-2163.



Closed Loop Park is located off Hogum Bay Road at the Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center (take exit 111 North off of I-5).



Dirt Works is located on Alta Drive off Capital Mall Drive, behind Yauger Park and Apple Park apartments.



Olympia Farmers Market is located downtown at the north end of Capitol Way.



Closed Loop Park

Resources

Composting Information and Bin Plans

- Attend a workshop (see information in this brochure).
- Visit a Demonstration Garden (bin plans available at Closed Loop Park or on www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org).
- Call the Master Gardener/Master Composter Rotline at (360) 867-2163.
- Contact the Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County at (360) 481-4204.

Books

- Compost, by Ken Thompson
- The Complete Compost Gardening Guide, by Barbara Pleasant and Deborah L. Martin
- Worms Eat my Garbage, by Mary Appelhoff

Internet

www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org

www.olympiawa.gov/cityutilities/garbage

www.seattleilth.org/learn/resources-1/compost/compost/

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Home Composting

Make it Second Nature!



Resources to Get You Started

What is Compost?

Composting is nature's way of recycling organic materials and returning nutrients to the soil. Over time, organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings and food waste biologically decompose in a dark, crumbly soil amendment called compost. Composting is beneficial to soil life, conserves natural resources, saves money and is completely sustainable.

Not sure how to get compost? The process is quite easy. Read about our workshops and bin sales and let's get growing!



Compost Workshops **FREE!**

Master Composters provide FREE compost workshops each year from spring through fall. These workshops include hands-on training in how to turn food and yard wastes into compost, including small-space composting (worm bins). Pre-registration is not required. Visit www.mgftc.org/Composting.html for a schedule of upcoming classes.

At the workshops you will learn:

- How to compost
- Different composting techniques.
- How to monitor and troubleshoot the composting process.
- Tips for curing and applying finished compost for a healthy, beautiful yard.



Call our Rotline

Can't attend a workshop? Call the Master Gardner/Master Composter Clinic Rotline at (360) 867-2163. E-mail: master@co.thurston.wa.us.

Reduced-Price Bins

Compost bins are sold through the Master Gardner Foundation of Thurston County and subsidized by Thurston County Solid Waste to reduce the price. Bins are shipped directly to homes. For prices or to order, visit www.compostbinthurstoncounty.com, e-mail bins@compostbinthurstoncounty.com or call the Master Gardner Foundation at (360) 481-4204. Composting guides and accessories are also available through the Master Gardeners Foundation.

Bins at a Glance

Earth Machine and Biostack bins may be used to compost food and yard waste. For food waste, simply attach a galvanized ¼-inch screen to the bottom of the bin to keep out pests.



Biostack



Earth Machine

Become a Master Composter

Master Composters are trained volunteers who teach the basics of home composting to the citizens of Thurston County. Participants receive 14 hours of free hands-on training based on a variety of composting topics. In exchange, trainees spend 35 volunteer hours working as community composting educators. For more information, e-mail the Master Gardner/Master Composter Program Manager at carltoc@co.thurston.wa.us or call (360) 867-2162.