

Recycling 101

What is recycling? Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products.

Is recycling the best option? Other options to consider are Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Repurpose (and Rot) Compost!

How do I know what my local recycling options are? Please contact your local county or municipality to determine your local recycling options. Additionally, please check out the [Earth 911](#) website for more information.

Source: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/frequent-questions-recycling#recycling101>

What is Composting? Is it truly beneficial for the environment? How do I do it?

The EPA.gov website answer these questions as the following:

Compost is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. It enriches soil, helping retain moisture and **SUPPRESSING** plant diseases and pests. Compost also reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, and it encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient filled material.

To compost at home, you'll need browns (dead leaves, branches and/or twigs), greens (grass clippings, vegetable waste, fruit scraps and/or coffee grounds), and water, along with a dry, shady spot for **YOUR** pile or bin.

However according to the EPA Wasted Food Scale keep in mind that donating or sharing excess produce or feeding directly to animals is preferred over composting to reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses on the environment.



View EPA's [Composting At Home](#) page for more information

Other Recycling Resources:

[Earth 911](#)

[Composting At Home](#)

www.EPA.gov

[EPA.Gov Recycling Basics and Benefits](#)

[EGLE Michigan air, water \(watershed\), land, and energy resource](#)

[Michigan Department of Natural Resources](#)

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