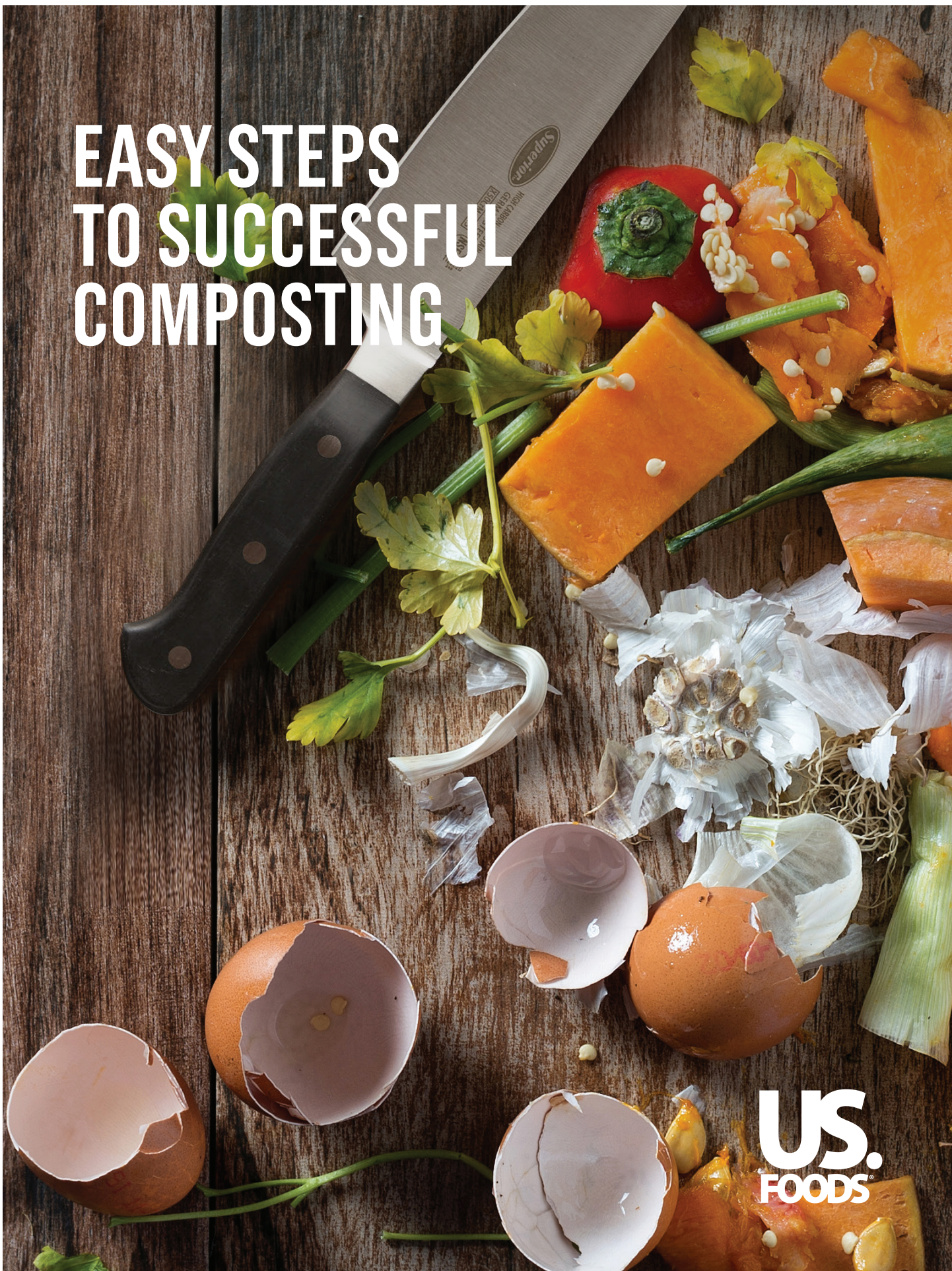


EASY STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL COMPOSTING



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WHAT IS COMPOSTING?

Composting is a simple way to repurpose various organic materials that are otherwise thought of as waste. It produces a soil conditioner called *compost*.

Compost is rich in nutrients, so it's used in gardens, landscaping, horticulture, urban agriculture and organic farming. It's beneficial for the land as a soil conditioner, a fertilizer and a natural pesticide. In ecosystems, compost is useful for erosion control, land and stream reclamation, wetland construction and as landfill cover.

WHY SHOULD I COMPOST ANYTHING?

Composting returns valuable nutrients into the earth to help improve soil quality. Compostable disposable products break down within 90 days in a commercial compost facility¹. Composting disposables is an ecofriendly alternative to letting products sit in landfills or pollute the oceans. With harm to wildlife – and other environmental concerns – in the news², *composting is a simple way to nourish the environment and protect the planet*.

Composting is so easy that you only need a little information to get started. This guide gives you a quick update on what foods and disposables you can compost, how to collect them, where to take them and what to do next.

WHICH FOODSERVICE-RELATED ITEMS ARE COMPOSTABLE?

COMPOSTABLE

- Kitchen trimmings
- Plant waste
- Food scraps
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags without staples
- Disposable products that are certified as compostable by the **Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)** or the environmental solutions company **Cedar Grove** or **OK Compost**.

NOT COMPOSTABLE

- Bones
- Chemicals
- Metal
- Glass
- Plastic film that's not plant-based
- Textiles
- Ashes from the grill
- Treated wood or printed paper (these products may contain unwanted chemicals)



CEDAR GROVE

Cedar Grove is committed to supporting sustainability and encouraging the use of durable (reusable) food service items. If disposables must be used, Cedar Grove supports the use of compostable products that facilitate capturing food scraps that would otherwise be wasted in a landfill. All products shown on our accepted list have met our technical review and/or field-testing requirements.

BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS INSTITUTE

The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) is a professional non-profit with the goal of scalable diversion of organic waste to composting, by verifying that products and packaging will successfully break down in professionally managed composting facilities without harming the quality of that compost. BPI accomplishes this by operating North America's leading certification for compostable products, providing a system for making valid claims based on scientific standards ASTM D6400/D6868 for commercial compostability.

OK COMPOST

Packaging or products bearing the OK Compost INDUSTRIAL label are guaranteed to be biodegradable in an industrial composting plant. This applies to all of their components, inks and additives. The sole reference point for the certification program is the harmonized EN 13432: 2000 standard: in any event, any product bearing the OK Compost logo complies with the requirements of the EU Packaging Directive (94/62/EEC).

¹*Situ Biosciences LLC. ASTM D6400 – Compostable Product Test – Composting*

²*The Guardian, August 2019. The Five: Species Affected by Plastic Pollution*

WHICH DISPOSABLES ARE COMPOSTABLE?

Talk with your US Foods® representative to replace non-compostable plastic and foam disposables with compostable items from our large and growing Serve Good® line.

The Serve Good program represents our continuing effort at US Foods to serve delicious food while serving good. From sustainably sourced foods to items made from recycled materials, products within the Serve Good portfolio are developed with suppliers who are committed to responsible practices, and all items come with the reassurance of verification by third-party certifiers. Serve Good products meet our packaging standards, which require the use of recycled content, responsibly sourced material and removal of unnecessary additives or materials.

See the Serve Good product portfolio at usfoods.com/content/dam/usf/pdf/Serve-Good/USF_SERVE_GOOD_Portfolio.pdf

Compost your packaging, too. Look for the *How2Compost* label on our products. Get details about [How2Compost](#).



HOW DO I COLLECT MATERIALS TO BE COMPOSTED?

It's easy. You'll just need:

- **Bins** that are labeled and color-coded for compostable materials – separate from trash and recycling bins
- **Signs** to remind employees what items go in which bins
- **Time** to train your staff: make sure they know what's compostable and what to do when the bins get full

WHERE DO I TAKE COMPOSTABLES?

There are composting facilities all over the country. Find one in your area and talk with the staff in person. Composting regulations vary from state to state, so you'll need to learn what products your facility does and doesn't accept.

Find the facility nearest you at findacomposter.com

Look into your state's composting rules at compostingcouncil.org/participants

I'M COMPOSTING. NOW WHAT?

Tell people! With eco-consciousness gaining popularity, your patrons know how important it is to create and maintain a small carbon footprint. Let them know that you share their concerns, and tell them how you're working to protect the environment. Announce it online, on your menu and in your advertising materials.

“Composting is good for the environment, and customers like to see that. If they see you as part of the sustainable movement, they associate you with high-quality food sourcing.”

– Nick Morrow, Vice President
[CompostNow, Inc.](#)

For more information, talk with your US Foods representative or go to usfoods.com/why-us-foods/serve-good/responsible-disposables.html



COMPOSTING FACILITIES IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

ALASKA	LOCATION
Gustavus Disposal and Recycling Center	Gustavus
ARIZONA	LOCATION
Pinetop Lakeside Sanitary District	Lakeside
ARKANSAS	LOCATION
American Composting, Inc.	North Little Rock
Food Loops	Bentonville
CALIFORNIA	LOCATION
American Organics	Victorville
City of Modesto	Modesto
Converted Organics of California, LLC	Gonzales
Mission Trails	Santa Clara
Mt. Vernon Recycling and Composting Facility	Bakersfield
Napa Recycling and Composting Facility	American Canyon
Newby Island Recovery Park	Milpitas
Pebbly Beach Disposal Site	Avalon
Recology	San Francisco
Redwood Sanitary Landfill	Novato
SmartFerm Pilot Research Composting AD	Marina
Tracy Material Recovery and Solid Waste Transfer	Tracy
Z-Best Composting Facility	Gilroy
COLORADO	LOCATION
A1 Organics	Keenesburg
Alpine Waste and Recycling	Bennett
Curb to Compost	Silverthorne
Pitkin County Solid Waste Center	Snowmass Village
Twin Enviro Services/Milner Landfill	Steamboat Springs
Western Disposal Services	Boulder
CONNECTICUT	LOCATION
Harvest Power	Ellington
New England Compost	Danbury
New Milford Farms	New Milford
Peels and Wheels Compost	New Haven
Supreme Energy and Recycling	Southington
FLORIDA	LOCATION
Bay Mulch Compost	Plant City
JFE Compost	Okeechobee

GEORGIA	LOCATION
Closed Loop Organics	Milton
Let Us Compost	Atlanta
IDAHO	LOCATION
Winn's Composting	Hailey
ILLINOIS	LOCATION
Better Earth Logistics	East Peoria
DeKalb County Landfill, Inc.	DeKalb
Healthy Soils	Chicago
Midwest Organics Recycling	McHenry
St. Louis Composting, Inc.	Belleville
Waste Not Compost	Chicago
INDIANA	LOCATION
AgRecycle/Lamb Farms	Lebanon
GreenCycle	Noblesville
Smith Creek, Inc.	Borden
MAINE	LOCATION
Agri-Cycle	Portland
Hawk Ridge Compost Facility	Unity Plantation
We Compost It	Auburn
MARYLAND	LOCATION
Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility	Upper Marlboro
Veteran Compost	Aberdeen
MASSACHUSETTS	LOCATION
Bear Path Compost, LLC	West Whately
Black Earth Compost	Hamilton
City Compost	Gardner
Clear View Composting	Orange
Martin Farms	Greenfield
MICHIGAN	LOCATION
Cocoa Corp.	Holland
Mackinac Island Solid Waste Handling Facility	Mackinac Island
Marquette County Landfill	Marquette
Morgan Composting	Sears
MINNESOTA	LOCATION
Full Circle Organics	Minneapolis
Mulch Store	Rosemount
Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community Organics Recycling Facility	Shakopee
Specialized Environmental Technologies, Inc.	Rosemount
Tri-County Organics, LLC	Saint Cloud
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	Duluth

MISSOURI	LOCATION
Missouri Organic Recycling	Kansas City
St. Louis Composting	Florissant
St. Louis Composting	Maryland Heights
St. Louis Composting	Pacific
St. Louis Composting	Valley Park
St. Louis Composting	St. Louis
NEVADA	LOCATION
RT Donovan Co., Inc.	Sparks
NEW HAMPSHIRE	LOCATION
Mr. Fox Composting	Portsmouth
Seacoast Farms Compost Products, Inc.	Fremont
NEW MEXICO	LOCATION
Paynes Organic Soil Yard	Santa Fe
Soilutions, Inc.	Albuquerque
NEW YORK	LOCATION
Common Ground Compost	Manhattan
Earth Matter NY	Governors Island
Farmer Pirates Cooperative, Inc.	Buffalo
Greenway Environmental Services	Clintondale
Lower East Side Ecology Center	Manhattan
OCRRA Amboy Compost Site	Camillus
OCRRA Jamesville Compost Facility	Jamesville
Organix Green Industries	Seneca Castle
Reclaimed Organics	Manhattan
Vokashi - Kitchen Waste Solution	Brooklyn
NORTH CAROLINA	LOCATION
Brooks Compost Facility	Goldston
Danny's Dumpster	Asheville
Earth Farms, LLC	Dallas
Gallins Family Farm	Mocksville
McGill Composting	Rose Hill
McGill-Merry Oaks Composting Facility	New Hill
OHIO	LOCATION
Full Cycle Organics	Cleveland
Hirzel Farms	Pemberville
Innovative Organics	Columbus
Ohio University	Athens
Paradise Composting Co.	Wooster
Price Farms Organics	Delaware
Rust Belt Riders	Cleveland

OREGON	LOCATION
Nature's Needs	North Plains
Republic/Allied	Portland
Rexius Forest By-Products	Eugene
PENNSYLVANIA	LOCATION
AgRecycle	Cheswick
AgRecycle	Canonsburg
Arborganic Acres	Pottstown
Kitchen Harvest	Media
RHODE ISLAND	LOCATION
Earth Care Farm, LLC	Charlestown
TENNESSEE	LOCATION
Hoffman Composting	Johnson City
Sevier Solid Waste, Inc.	Pigeon Forge
The Compost Company	Ashland City
TEXAS	LOCATION
Texas Pure Products	Plano
Green Ground Compost	Stephenville
Nature's Way Resources	Conroe
Nature's Way Resources	Houston
Organics "By Gosh"	Austin
VERMONT	LOCATION
Green Mountain Compost	Williston
Middlebury College	Middlebury
TAM Compost Facility	Bennington
Windham SW Management District	Brattleboro
VIRGINIA	LOCATION
McGill-Waverly Composting Facility	Waverly
Natural Organic Process Enterprises (N.O.P.E.)	Richmond
Royal Oak Farm	Evington
VDOC State Farm Compost Facility	State Farm
WASHINGTON	LOCATION
Barr-Tech Composting Facility	Sprague
Cedar Grove	Maples Valley
Green Earth Technology	Lynden
JBLM Compost Facility	Fort Lewis
South Puget Sound Community College	Olympia
WISCONSIN	LOCATION
Earthbound Environmental Solutions	Eau Claire
Kompost Kids, Inc.	Milwaukee