



COMPOSTING

What is Composting?

Composting is a natural process where organic materials decompose and are recycled into a dark, crumbly, earthy smelling soil conditioner known as "compost". Compost improves soil structure and moisture retention, and contributes to healthy plant growth by providing plant nutrients.

[Rutgers Cooperative Extension – Home Composting Fact Sheet](#)

[BCUA Composting & Yardwaste Management](#) - Composting allows residents the opportunity to turn their yard waste and kitchen scraps into something useful - rich garden soil. This is a form of recycling that can be done from beginning to end in your own backyards. Backyard compost bins turn vegetative kitchen scraps, coffee grinds, tea bags, grass clippings, brown leaves, and dead garden plants into nice crumbly compost. This compost can be used in your vegetable and/or flower gardens.



Compost bins known as "**Earth Machines**" are available for purchase throughout the year at a reduced price of \$60 by appointment at the BCUA in Moonachie. Each compost bin comes with a free compost book. Call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline: 201-807-5825 to schedule your appointment.

[Nature's Way of Recycling – A Guide to Backyard Composting in Bergen County](#)



[Grass, Cut it and Leave it – A Guide to Bergen County's Grass Reduction Program](#)