

# COMPOSTING

## FOOD WASTE IN AUBURN



**WHY COMPOST FOOD WASTE?** Composting food waste is an ecofriendly way of reducing household waste. Composting reduces your trash bag costs and means less waste entering the landfill. It also returns nutrients to the soil.



**HOW DO I COMPOST?** Participate in the City of Auburn's Food Waste Composting Program. It's FREE! Bring your food waste to the following locations: **Auburn Public Works**, 296 Gracelawn & the **New Auburn Fire Station**, 181 South Main.

## What you can & cannot compost...



- All food scraps
- Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags
- Dairy products
- Meat & bones
- Egg & seafood shells
- Fats, oils & salad dressing
- Paper bags & paper plates
- Napkins/paper towels
- Newspaper
- Flowers & potting soil



- NO plastic of **any** kind!
- NO waxed paper
- NO cans or glass
- NO styrofoam
- NO latex
- NO aluminum foil
- NO yard waste
- NO PET WASTE!
- NO METALS OR GLASS



**HOW SHOULD I STORE MY FOOD SCRAPS?** Drain as much liquid as possible from food before putting in your container. Sprinkle baking soda or rub vinegar on the inside of the container to avoid odors & fruit flies. Consider storing food scraps in the freezer to eliminate odors. If you use a plastic bag to store your food waste, be sure to place the bag in the trash after emptying contents into the compost bin.



**For more information, call  
Auburn Public Works: 333-6670**

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