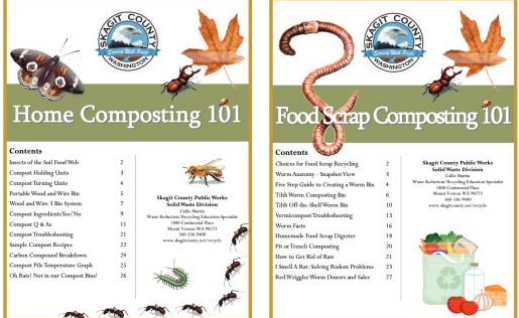

 <p>WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION</p> <p>BACKYARD COMPOSTING Home Garden Series</p> <p>WSU PEER REVIEWED</p>	<p>WSU Publications - Gardening https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/gardening</p> <p>EB1784E - Backyard Composting (Home Garden Series) - Authors: Cogger, Craig, Sullivan, Dan, Bary, A.</p> <p>https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/backyard-composting</p>
<p>Compost, it grows on you!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning the Language of the Soil Food Web • Home Composting • Home Composting 101 Workshops • Vermicomposting 101 • Natural Lawn Care • Where to find compost for your garden • More information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Home Composting Booklet ◦ Food Scrap Composting ◦ Environmental Benefits of Composting 	<p>Skagit County Solid Waste Division – Master Composting Program</p> <p>https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/compost.htm#L</p>
 <p>Home Composting 101</p> <p>Food Scrap Composting 101</p>	<p>Home Composting 101 https://skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/Home%20Composting%20Booklet.pdf</p> <p>Food Scrap Composting 101 https://skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/Food%20Scrap%20Composting%20Booklet.pdf</p>
 <p>THE NATURAL LAWN & GARDEN Thriving Landscapes for a Healthy Environment</p> <p>Composting Yard and Food Waste at Home</p> <p>Growing Healthy Soil</p>	<p>Composting at Home http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/EnvironmentConservation/CompostingAtHomeGuide.pdf</p> <p>Growing Healthy Soil http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/EnvironmentConservation/GrowingHealthySoil.pdf</p>
<p>King County Solid Waste Division – composting and improving soil health</p>	<p>https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/natural-yard-care/composting.aspx</p>
<p>Seattle Tilth – composting methods & bins, plans for building composters</p>	<p>http://www.tilthalliance.org/learn/resources-1/compost/compost/</p>

King County MG Tip Sheet #2 <https://extension.wsu.edu/king/tip-sheet-2-gardening-publications/>



Soil, Composting, Mulch, Watering, & Microclimate

- A Home Gardener's Guide to Soils & Fertilizers, [EM063E](#)
- Organic Soil Amendments in Yards & Gardens: How Much is Enough?, [FS123E](#)
- Backyard Composting, [EB1784E](#)
- Using Coffee Grounds in Gardens & Landscapes, [FS207E](#)
- Using Arborist Wood Chips as Landscape Mulch, [FS160E](#)
- Cover Crops for Home Gardens West of the Cascades, [FS111E](#)
- Methods for Successful Cover Crop Management in Your Home Garden, [FS119E](#)
- Watering Home Gardens and Landscape Plants, [EB1090](#)
- Drip Irrigation for the Yard & Garden, [FS030E](#)
- How to Determine Your Garden Microclimate, [FS181E](#)
- Potential Contaminants in Residential Rain Barrel Water, [FS280E](#)
- A Gardener's Primer to Mycorrhizae [FS269E](#)
- Gypsum Use in Home Gardens & Landscapes [FS307E](#)
- Epsom Salt Use in Home Gardens & Landscapes [FS308E](#)

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Environmental Benefits of Compost

<https://skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/Environmental%20Benefits%20of%20Composting.pdf>

Oregon State University

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/search?search=composting>

How to Use Compost in Gardens and Landscapes

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9308.pdf>

Composting with Worms

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9034>

March 9, 2021 Webinar - Dirt Gone Bad-Herbicide Contamination



<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series>

How to Use Compost in Gardens and Landscapes

Overview

- Compost is a natural soil amendment that improves soil structure, water retention, and nutrient availability.
- It can be used in a variety of ways, from top-dressing to mulch.
- Proper application is key to maximizing its benefits.

Composting with Worms

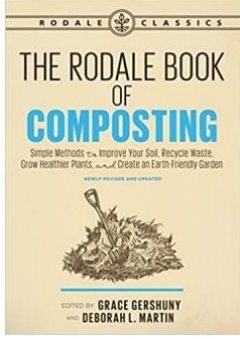
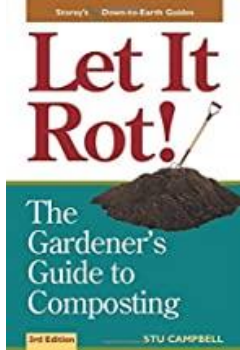
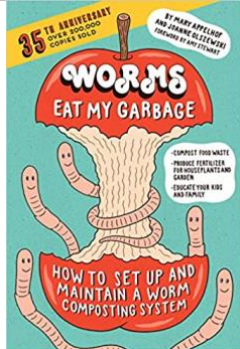
What is composting with worms?

Composting with worms (vermicomposting) is a natural process where earthworms break down organic matter into a rich, nutrient-dense soil amendment.

Benefits:

- Increases soil fertility and structure.
- Improves water retention and drainage.
- Reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers.

Composting Resources

<p>EPA – Types of Composting and Understanding the Composting Process</p>	<p>https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/types-composting-and-understanding-process</p>
<p>EPA – Composting at Home</p>	<p>https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/features/?&cid=nrcs143_023537</p>
<p>USDA-NRCS – Backyard Composting Tip Sheet</p>	<p>https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/features/?&cid=nrcs143_023537</p>
<p>Penn State Extension – Guidelines for Choosing a Compost</p>	<p>https://extension.psu.edu/using-composts-to-improve-turf-performance file:///Users/user/Downloads/using-composts-to-improve-turf-performance-1.pdf</p>
	<p>The Rodale Book of Composting (2018) Rodale Books</p> <p>ISBN-10 1635651026</p>
	<p>Campbell, Stu. Let it Rot! (1998). Storey Publishing</p> <p>ISBN-10 1580170234</p>
	<p>Appelhof, Mary & Olszewski, Joanne. Worms Eat My Garbage (2017). Storey Publishing.</p> <p>ISBN-10 1612129471</p>