



**compost  
for good**  
*reimagining waste*

**Welcome to the Compost for Good Community Scale Composting Resource Directory.** Below is a list of resources and tools that we hope will help with your community scale composting interests and needs. If you are looking for something and do not see it below or would like access to edit, please let us know and we will do the best we can to assist. Feedback and questions welcome: [jperry@adirondack.org](mailto:jperry@adirondack.org).

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**1. For Kids** - Tabling, classroom, or curriculum development

Title (hyperlinked)	Brief description
<a href="#">Color the Food System</a>	Coloring page showing the cycle from growing food -> compost (and how compost goes back into agriculture)
<a href="#">Food Waste Coloring</a>	Coloring page with food scraps that says "Compost!"
<a href="#">Sort the Waste</a>	Activity page with three waste items and a

	compost bin, a recycling bin, and a trash bin
<a href="#">Food Waste Quiz</a>	Quiz questions about food waste with answers and explanations
<a href="#">Sort Food Waste Bingo</a>	Bingo game where participants are given a food item and they have to choose the right place to dispose it
<a href="#">Food Storage Sorting</a>	Game with cards with various food items that get sorted into categories for how they are properly stored
<a href="#">Wasting Food Wastes Water Game</a>	Game containing cards with food items and buckets of water; participants have to match the food with the water needed to create it
<a href="#">Where Does my Trash Go Game</a>	Game containing cards with food items and places for them to end up
<a href="#">Trash Coloring Sheet</a>	Coloring sheet where participants color food based on where it should be sorted

**2. General outreach materials** - Tabling, presentations, classroom, curriculum development

<b>Title (hyperlinked)</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
<a href="#">Food Waste Reduction Video</a>	Video created by Adsit Media Works with information about the impacts of wasted food (great as an introduction / teaser to follow up with more of an explanation / presentation)
<a href="#">Economic Benefits Video</a>	CfG video on the economic benefits of community scale composting
<a href="#">Community Benefits Video</a>	CfG video on the community benefits of community scale composting
<a href="#">Environmental Benefits Video</a>	CfG video on the environmental benefits of community scale composting
<a href="#">Compost for Good Community Scale</a>	Overview of why community scale

<a href="#">Composting Video</a>	composting is important and relevant
<a href="#">Compost Tech Presentation</a>	Presentation with types of composting technologies with their descriptions, pictures, pros, cons, amount of food scraps they can take, and site considerations
<a href="#">Example of Soil Biology</a>	Microscopic picture and description of what kinds of organisms are in healthy soils and why they are important
<a href="#">Example of Soil Biology</a>	Microscopic picture of biota in soil with labels
<a href="#">Example of Soil Biology</a>	Microscopic picture of biota in soil with labels
<a href="#">Example of Soil Biology</a>	Microscopic picture of biota in soil with labels
<a href="#">Example of Soil Lacking Biology</a>	Microscopic picture of soil with low levels of biota
<a href="#">Compost System</a>	Document with the cycle of compost (compost -> grow -> harvest -> transport -> retail -> eat -> compost) and a short description of how composting contributes to a more circular economy
<a href="#">How Compost is Made</a>	Document explaining very simply the requirements of compost with some graphics
<a href="#">Improving Compost</a>	Document with some longer explanations and detailed instructions for how to improve compost
<a href="#">Food Waste Infographic</a>	USDA infographic with sections about what compost is, why it's important, how to do it, and what can be composted as well as some statistics about how much food is wasted
<a href="#">Why Compost</a>	Document with relatively short descriptions of why composting is good (resilient food systems, environmental impact, local economy)

<a href="#">High Quality Compost</a>	A short document with an explanation of why high quality compost is important
<a href="#">NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law</a>	A document with information about NYS Law and the food waste hierarchy
<a href="#">10 Minute Fridge Reality Check</a>	Brochure explaining how to pay attention to food waste in your fridge
<a href="#">Food Waste Statistics Flyer</a>	One-page flyer with statistics and ways to reduce food waste
<a href="#">Tax Incentives Fact Sheet</a>	Document with information about tax incentives for food donation (eligibility, how it is calculated, etc.)
<a href="#">Liability Fact Sheet</a>	Document with information about liability for food donation (Good Samaritan Act)
<a href="#">Date Labels Fact Sheet</a>	Document with information about rules regarding date labels and food donation
<a href="#">Animal Feed Fact Sheet</a>	Document with information about giving food waste to animals (federal and NY laws, liability)
<a href="#">Contamination Guide</a>	Advice on how to avoid contamination in food bins (includes causes and solutions)
<a href="#">Strawberry Video</a>	Video showing the “life cycle” of a strawberry that emphasizes how many resources go into food that is wasted
<a href="#">EPA From Farm to Kitchen Report</a>	Report describing impacts of food waste and of various methods of managing food waste
<a href="#">EPA From Field to Bin Report</a>	Report with in-depth explanations of various methods of managing food waste and the impacts in various sectors
<a href="#">Methane Emissions Report</a>	EPA report describing methane emissions from landfilled food
<a href="#">Troubleshooting Compost</a>	Document with instructions for how to troubleshoot compost

<a href="#">A Guide to Local Fertility</a>	ILSR report explaining the importance of community compost, types of composters, and how to have a successful community compost program
<a href="#">Why Compost Guide</a>	Document explaining the benefits of composting, compost technology, and how to compost
<a href="#">Compost Fact Sheet 2</a>	Document with details about C:N ratios and recipe development
<a href="#">Microbes in Composting</a>	Document explaining the importance of microbes in the composting process
<a href="#">Compost Fact Sheet 1</a>	Document with an overview of the composting process and conditions necessary for compost
<a href="#">Compost to Reduce</a>	Document with in-depth information about how to compost and the science behind the process
<a href="#">Food Waste &amp; Greenhouse Gases</a>	Poster showcasing the connection between reducing food waste and reducing GHG emissions
<a href="#">NYS Composting Facilities Map</a>	Map of composting facilities registered or permitted by the DEC in NYS

**3. Sector specific** - farmers, municipalities, schools, universities, compost operator/food scrap hauling businesses etc.

<b>Title (hyperlinked)</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
<b>Compost Operators - all sectors</b>	
Summary of NYS food scrap hauling and composting regulations	COMING SOON
<a href="#">Institute for Local Self Reliance Community Composting</a>	Link to ILSR website with several community composting resources including templates, graphics, webinars, etc.
<a href="#">131 School of Composting Training</a>	James McSweeney compost operator course

	- fully remote
<a href="#">DEC Compost Operator Law</a>	NYSDEC solid waste management regulations include a section that describes what regulations compost operators and food scrap haulers must comply with
<a href="#">NYS DEC Compost Operator Registration or Permitting</a>	NYSDEC site that describes how to determine if you are exempt, registered or permitted and what steps to follow to register or become permitted
<b>Food waste generators - all sectors</b>	
<a href="#">Pollution Prevention Institute Food Waste Resources</a>	PPI website include several resources and toolkits
<a href="#">NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law</a>	A document with information about NYS Law and the food waste hierarchy
<a href="#">NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law - NYS DEC</a>	One pager from the NYS DEC describing the NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law in detail
<a href="#">CET online resources</a>	Comprehensive list of resources available through the Center for Ecotechnology (CET)
<b>Municipalities</b>	
<a href="#">Municipal Model Zoning Ordinance for Community Composting</a>	Model zoning ordinance from Institute for Local Self Reliance for municipalities interested in addressing community scale composting in their local law
<a href="#">Town of Warrensburg Organics Management Plan</a>	Town of Warrensburg completed a comprehensive organics management plan and has shared it for reference
<a href="#">Institute for Local Self Reliance Municipal Resources</a>	Link to Institute for Local Self Reliance municipal specific community composting webinars
<a href="#">Village Compost - Rhinebeck</a>	Presentation about Rhinebeck Village Composting (slides are wordy, so probably more designed for reading than presenting)

<b>Farmers</b>	
<a href="#">Composting Association of Vermont - On Farm Composting Toolkit</a>	Link to Composting Association of Vermont toolkit specifically for farmers
<a href="#">CfG Farmer Intake Form</a>	Intake form for all farmers interested in participating in the CfG Compost to Farm program
<a href="#">Farm to Compost Video</a>	Educational video overviewing opportunities for farmers through composting
<a href="#">Black Dirt Farm</a>	Presentation about Black Dirt Farm in Vermont (slides are wordy, so probably more designed for reading than presenting)
<b>Universities</b>	
<a href="#">Clarkson Food Waste Audit Toolkit</a>	Comprehensive guide and toolkit for universities or campus-based entities to conduct a food waste audit
<a href="#">North Country School</a>	Case study about North Country School Camp Treetops drum composter project
<b>Schools - K-12</b>	
<a href="#">Food Waste Audit Guide for Schools</a>	EPA food waste audit toolkit for schools interested in conducting a food waste audit
<b>Food scrap hauling and composting businesses</b>	
<a href="#">Food Scrap Hauling/Compost Operator Business Plan Template</a>	Business plan template for food scrap hauler/compost operator businesses - contact us for editable version
<a href="#">2024 DEC Food Waste Generator Spreadsheet</a>	2024 NYSDEC designated food waste generator spreadsheet - all named generators are obligated by law to divert food waste under certain circumstances
<a href="#">Blue Line Compost</a>	Case study about food scrap hauler and compost generator Blue Line Compost
<a href="#">Hudson Compost Service</a>	Case study about food scrap hauler -

	Hudson Compost Service
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**4. Technology** - Decision tree/overview; drum composter; neighborhood scale; aerated static pile, windrows, etc.

<b>Title (hyperlinked)</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
<a href="#">Technology Decision Tree</a>	List of all known compost technologies including descriptions, siting considerations, and other key decision points
<a href="#">Drum Composter Operating Manual</a>	For all operators of in-vessel compost system
<a href="#">Drum Composter Design Document Pictorial Version</a>	DIY rotating drum composter pictorial guide - should accompany below design document
<a href="#">Drum Composter Design Document</a>	DIY rotating drum composter engineered plans - should accompany above pictorial design document
<a href="#">Drum Composter Siting Document</a>	For those considering building or building a rotating drum composter
<a href="#">CfG Neighborhood-Scale Composter</a>	Case study about CfG's Neighborhood-Scale Composter

## 5. Case studies

<b>Title (hyperlinked)</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
<a href="#">Black Dirt Farm</a>	Farmer/compost generator/food scrap hauler - Black Dirt Farm in Vermont
<a href="#">Blue Line Compost</a>	Food scrap hauler and compost generator in Bloomingdale, NY - Blue Line Compost
<a href="#">CfG Neighborhood-Scale Composter</a>	CfG's Neighborhood-Scale, vertical culvert Composter
<a href="#">Hudson Compost Service</a>	Residential food scrap collection - Hudson Compost Service



<a href="#">North Country School</a>	Residential rotating drum composter - North Country School
<a href="#">Village Compost - Rhinebeck</a>	Rhinebeck Village Composting

## 6. Presentation materials

<b>Title (hyperlinked)</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
<a href="#">Module 1 Full Slide Deck</a>	Presentation about problems with food waste and types of solutions
<a href="#">Compost 101 Section 1</a>	Presentation defining compost and explaining benefits of composting
<a href="#">Compost 101 Section 2</a>	Presentation explaining the importance of microbes in the composting process
<a href="#">Compost 101 Section 3</a>	Presentation about recipe development for composting and the process of compost
<a href="#">Compost 101 Section 4</a>	Presentation with an overview and descriptions of various compost systems
<a href="#">Compost 101 Section 5</a>	Presentation explaining troubleshooting of problems while composting and how to solve them
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 1.1a</a>	Presentation explaining where food waste originates and just how much is wasted
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 1.1b</a>	Presentation explaining where food waste goes currently and how it could be sustainably managed
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 1.2</a>	Presentation about the problems with sending food waste to a landfill (wasted resources, methane generation, etc.)
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 1.3a</a>	Presentation with information about the EPA Food Waste Hierarchy and methods of food waste management
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 1.3b</a>	Presentation overviewing reduction of food waste and ways to reuse it (donation, animal

	feed, etc.)
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 1.3c</a>	Presentation about recycling food waste (composting / anaerobic digestion)
<a href="#">Module 1 Section 4</a>	Presentation with community composting case studies and success stories