

Become a composting pro!

Learn how to create natural fertilizer during a composting demo at the Pulaski Park Community Garden on Sunday, Sept. 10 from noon to 2 p.m. Gardeners know that composting improves soil in multiple ways. Learn how to get started and get your questions answered.

Composting is inexpensive. It improves soil structure, texture and aeration while increasing the soil's water-holding capacity and fertility. It also stimulates healthy root development.

Attendees will learn about the common recipe for effective composting:

- **Greens** - fruit and veggie peelings, grass clippings, tea bags, coffee.
- **Browns** - wood chips, cut-up paper, dry leaves. (If the pile smells like ammonia, it needs carbon. Add more brown material.)
- **Air** – aeration is accomplished by regularly turning the pile to get air in the mix. (If it smells like rotten eggs, there's not enough air in the mix.)
- **Water** – add enough to make the pile feels like a wrung-out sponge.



Hosts Greener Bloomfield and the Open Space Trust Fund invite the public to attend. The Community Garden is located at the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Howard Street in Bloomfield. Park at the Mt. Vernon Avenue lot.