

BACKYARD COMPOSTING 2025 Schedule

We offer a variety of types of programs at separate locations around Howard County. Find a site near you, or select one based upon the description of the activity. At all sites, Master Gardeners will help you **learn about**:

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- Composting kitchen scraps and yard trimmings in your backyard or using the [Feed the Green Bin](#) (for Howard County residents only)
- Troubleshooting or advising maintaining your [home backyard composting](#) effort or participating in the Feed the Green Bin compost collection program.
- Improving your soil's health by incorporating compost
- The impact of composting on [climate](#).

Why Compost?

According to a Howard County study, almost 30% of what we send to the landfill could be composted. Whether in your own backyard or using the Green Bin, turning kitchen scraps and yard waste into useful compost impacts soil and climate.

For more information:

Howard County's Feed the Green Bin (food scrap program) go to [FeedTheGreenBin.org](https://www.feedthegreenbin.org)

Howard County's Backyard Composting <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/public-works/backyard-composting>

Compost and Climate Change <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/composting-and-climate-change/>

Special Earth Day Celebration

Join us for composting demonstrations and giveaways at the County's largest Earth Day celebration.

[Howard County GreenFest](#)

Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Pkwy

Apr 12, 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Registration required at [HCGreenFest.org](https://www.hcgreenfest.org)

There are more opportunities on the reverse of the page.

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At Charles E. Miller Branch Library and Robinson Nature Center, Master Gardeners maintain compost bins in use and show other types of bins. At Savage and Elkridge Branch Library, participate in a drop-in program with Master Gardeners. Get information about the Green Bin, learn how to start backyard or bring questions about trouble shooting backyard composting or Green Bin use.

Charles E. Miller Branch Library

9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Located in the Enchanted Garden

Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Apr 5	Jun 7	Aug 2
Apr 19	Jun 21	Aug 16
May 3	Jul 12	Aug 30
May 17	Jul 26	Sep 6
May 31		

Mondays 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Apr 14*	Jun 2	Aug 4
Apr 28	Jun 16	Aug 18
May 5	Jul 7	Sep 15*
May 19	Jul 21	

*Due to limited daylight hours, this time will be 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 4:00 – 6:00 PM

(During the Farmer's Market)

May 7	Jul 2	Aug 13
May 21	Jul 16	Aug 27
Jun 4	Jul 30	Sep 3
Jun 18		Sep 17

Elkridge Branch Library

6540 Washington Blvd. Elkridge, MD 21075

Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

April 26	Aug 16
May 17	Sep 20
Jun 21	Oct 18
Jul 19	

Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia, MD 21044

No fee required to come to the compost demonstration area in the upper parking lot.

Admission to the Center.

Saturdays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mar 22	Aug 16
Apr 19	
Jun 21	

Sundays and Special Event Saturdays

Check with Robinson Nature Center for event details

May 4 **Native Plant Palooza**
(12:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

July 13 **Wild for Water**
(11:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Sept 21 **Fall Native Plant Palooza**
(Noon to 4:00 PM)

Oct 25 **Halloween Special**
(10:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

Nov 22 **Mistletoe Maker's Mart Craft Fair**
(11:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Savage Branch Library

9525 Durness Lane Laurel, MD 20723

Saturdays 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Apr 12	Aug 9
May 10	Sep 13
Jun 14	Oct 11