

ECC Composting Guidelines

Compost

DO NOT Compost

Food Waste:

- Fruit and Vegetable scraps
- Egg shells
- Coffee grounds
- Coffee Filters
- Tea Bags
- Excessive amounts of citrus

- Meat, fish, bones
- Dairy Products
- Oil and grease covered food
- Processed foods

Yard Waste:

- Fresh weeds
- Fresh plants
- Grass clippings

- Weed Seeds
- Diseased plant materials
- Chemically treated waste
- Black Walnut Trees – any part of the tree
- Invasive weeds (crabgrass, bamboo)
- Plants with Thorns

Other Waste:

- Manure/Animal Cage Cleanings (rabbit, chicken, llama)
- 100% Natural Fiber (wool, cotton)
- Paper (paper towels, napkins, shredded paper)
- Hair – human and animal

- Dog, cat and human waste
- Pressure treated woods
- Coal and Charcoal ash



New at ECC: Drive-up Composting

Where?

- On the East side of the parking lot, adjacent to Bart Villa Apartments

Why?

- Composting is the first step in turning our waste into fresh produce for the hungry
- On-site composting increases the sustainability of the ECC Community Garden
 - Reduces the resources expended on obtaining soil amendments from other sources
 - Compost makes a nutrient-rich, organic soil amendment that eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers and can provide disease resistance
- Composting reduces the amount of waste put into landfills

ECC Community Garden

Mission

- A hands on opportunity for attendees of ECC to give back to the Bloomington community by providing the garden yield to those in need and an avenue for multi-generational fellowship, community building, outreach, and education.
- All produce is contributed to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: mhcfoodpantry.org

Volunteer Info

- Volunteers needed for:
 - Sunday work sessions at 2pm
 - Monday Deliveries to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
 - Weather Monitoring and Irrigation Control
 - *most suitable for people who live or work near ECC*
 - *this involves stopping by the garden to turn on the water – it will turn off automatically*
- Sign-up online at <http://bit.ly/ECC-Garden>