WELCOME TO ON SITE MULTI-FAMILY COMPOSTING
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OUR PROGRAMS

Green Action Centre has tons of information to help Manitobans make greener choices.

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ON SITE MULTI-FAMILY COMPOSTING PROJECT

Goals of the Project

• Reduce waste being sent to Winnipeg’s landfill
• Educate about the benefits of composting and foster greater engagement in waste reduction
• Improve soil quality while connecting residents with the decomposition process and the cycle of food
• Create a greater sense of community and belonging within the buildings
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- In Winnipeg
- 4+ units
- 2+ volunteers
- Resident interest
- Manager/Owner support
HOW TO CONVINCE YOUR BUILDING TO JOIN

- No cost to building upfront
  - Only later cost may be maintenance
- “Green” cred
- Volunteers take care of the tasks
- Well-managed bins have few problems
- Helps the environment
- Can save garbage pickup $$$
RESOURCES WE PROVIDE

- compost bins
- a compost aerator
- a backyard composting presentation
- fridge magnets
- how-to booklet
- ongoing support
- Kitchen catchers
- Stickers for kitchen catchers
- Poster for in building common areas
- Individual unit flyers explaining what can and can’t be added
ON SITE
Multi-Family Composting

That means you can compost your food scraps in a compost bin right on the property. **Each unit that participates can reduce their waste by up to 40%!**

**Good for Compost**
- Fruit & vegetable scraps (even cooked!), coffee grounds, tea bags, eggshells, plain rice, pasta, bread, plants (chopped small)

**Bad for Compost**
- Meat, dairy, fish, oils, sauces, plastic, metal, pet waste, compostable plastics, plastic bags

Join your neighbours, start composting today.

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**It’s as easy as 1-2-3!**

1. Collect kitchen scraps. An ice cream bucket works well, or purchase from your local hardware store or garden center.
2. Bring it to the outdoor bins and dump at least once a week.
3. Follow the easy instructions on the outdoor sign. Let nature do the rest!

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**Your building’s bins are located:**

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**Your volunteer bin managers are:**

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**Questions? Call or email our InfoLine!**

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- 204-925-3777

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HOW TO COMPOST IN YOUR CONDO

• Collect your greens in a kitchen catcher bucket
• Figure out who will take your scraps to the outdoor bin
• Add scraps to bin that says “add” (approx. 1x/week)
• Rinse bucket (if desired)
PRELIMINARY RESULTS

- 11 Buildings in 3 years
- Reached 905 people
- Only one dropout
- 4-120 units in size
- Many expanding
- Condos, life lease, and apartments
- Estimated 4,420 L food waste diverted/building/year (avg)
- Avoided more than 25 tonnes of CO2e emissions
ON SITE Multi-Family Composting

**Add Greens**
- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Eggshells
- Plain rice/pasta/bread
- Plants

**Store Browns**
- Dry autumn leaves
- Straw
- Twigs
- Sawdust/wood chips (untreated)
- Napkins/paper towel

**Do Not Add**
- Dairy products
- Meat
- Bones
- Pet waste
- Diseased plants
- Weeds
- Compostable plastics
- Plastic bags

**Help out!**
- Add leaves on top of your food scraps (see browns bin)
- Chop up the big stuff and long stems
- Take out any plastic or plastic bags

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