



Composting



On Campus

MSU has continually expanded its composting program since its inception in 2015, partnering with the City of Bozeman in 2018. From composting 35,000 pounds of food waste in its first year, the program diverted 540,000 pounds of food waste within a year of the partnership, a number that is still growing. All food scraps are accepted, including napkins. Dining halls, University Catering, coffee shops, and other food outlets on campus contribute food scraps which are then transported to the city's industrial composting facility. There it is processed and eventually used as a soil amendment in city projects.

In Bozeman

The city of bozeman has several resources to aid with off-campus composting efforts.

Happy Trash Can

Happy Trash Can is a locally owned commercial and residential compost collection & processing company. Their mission is to make quality local compost to give back to local farmers, gardeners, and to their local subscribers. They provide weekly compost pickups to their subscribers.



City Compost Collection

The City of Bozeman Solid Waste Division offers yard waste compost collection services from May through August (into September) every year to garbage collection customers. They collect grass clippings, leaves and small branches (pencil size diameter), and garden waste.



Gallatin Solid Waste Management District

Bozeman Convenience Site accepts clean wood & brush as well as grass, leaves, straw, manure, hay, clean sawdust, woodchips, and small branches for composting purposes.



Why Compost?

- Reduce landfill waste
- Introduce valuable organisms to soil
- Recycle food waste
- Return nutrients to soil
- Reduce need for chemical fertilizers
- Conserve resources