

GREEN CITY MARKET'S GUIDE TO COMPOSTING

Green City Market is committed to creating a more sustainable food system in Chicago from the shopping bag to the compost bin.

We partner with Healthy Soil Compost to offer compost drop-off services for our community at our year-round farmers markets.



How to compost with GCM

- BYOC = Bring your own container. Many folks use a 5-gallon painter's bucket, but any container you have on hand will do the trick.
- Be sure to remove produce stickers, rubber bands, and any other non-organic matter from your scraps.
- Visit the GCM Info Booth to pay the \$10 compost drop-off fee.
 - Check out www.greencitymarket.org/calendar to view upcoming market dates where you can drop-off compost.
 - If you use Link with GCM, your fee will be waived.
- Empty your scraps into our compost bins and take your container with you.
- Please note, space is limited, so arrive at the market early if you plan to drop off compost! If our compost bins fill up, we will stop accepting drop-offs for the remainder of the market day.



What can I compost with GCM?

- Food scraps (items like produce stems, peels, eggshells, moldy bread, or animal bones)
- Coffee grounds or tea bags
- Non-glossy paper products (like paper towels)
- BPI Certified Compostable items (like coffee cups or other packaging).
 - Be sure it says BPI Certified Compostable or you see the logo below! Branding can be misleading; “biodegradable” or “organic” doesn’t always mean compostable.



Compost + get rewarded

Form a composting habit and get rewarded — compost with GCM four times and get the fifth drop-off free! Stop by the Info Booth to start a loyalty card to get started.



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