

# Home Compost Workshop Check List

**Handouts:** SHWEC Compost Fact Sheets can be found at [www.uwex.edu/ces/shwec](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/shwec)  
DNR brochures – order by email at from: [joel.stone@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:joel.stone@dnr.state.wi.us)

- DNR Yard Care brochure: WA-073
- DNR Home Composting, Reap a Heap of Benefits brochure: WA-072
- Basics of Composting (with Yes & Nos) by Kathy Powell
- Common Questions - UW Extension SHWEC Publication
- 7 different Home Built Compost Bin Plans - UW Extension SHWEC Publications
- List of Commercial Compost Bin Sources (optional) - UW Ext. SHWEC Publications
- Wiggle on Waste (photocopy of colored publication as it is out of print)
- Vermicompost Supplies and Source List - UW Ext. SHWEC Publication
- Vermicompost Resources - UW Ext. SHWEC Publication
- Local Recycling & Solid Waste brochures
- UW Extension Soil Testing Brochure
- Other
  
- Books on Composting & Worm Composting (optional)
- Agenda
- Evaluation Form
- Registration List of Participants
- pitch Forks
- money box
- child's sled (to move yard materials easily)
- flowers, vegetables, houseplants plants that use compost
- samples of 3 stages of compost (start with green & brown, part way done and finished)
- damp sponge on plastic tray
- hose and water wand & water hook up
- tarp (if doing demo inside or need to move yard materials from site)
- Compost Thermometer (recommended but optional)
- 2 portable compost bins
- Hot Pile: build 3 days before workshop (water very well as build pile)
  - For each bin:
    - Sticks or course material for bottom of bin
    - Four 30 gal bags brown leaves, straw or other dried plant material
    - Two 30 gal bags green grass, appropriate weeds
    - 1 bucket of kitchen scraps
  
- Cool Pile: build during workshop
  - Same volume of brown and green as above pile
  - Demonstrate burying kitchen scraps in pile
- **Be prepared to do inside mini version if bad weather**
  - Worm Bin (optional)
  - Lawn Care: Lawn Mower Blade - sharp and dull
    - Mulching Blade Kit
    - Sample slow release Fertilizer Bags
  - Audio Visual Equipment: slide projector, overhead, laptop/LCD projector
  - Overhead sheets, Composting, It's Recycling Naturally" CD –Rom – WI version
  - Tables
  - Chairs
  - Chalk or Dry Erase Board (optional)