

Home Compost Workshop

Season & Year

Day	Date	Time 1.5 hrs.	Location
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NOTE: Check out location and layout ahead of time! Pretest and focus your Audio Visual Equipment before workshop. Don't read CD slides – interact with audience, use CD to help make points!

Speaker & Time

CD pg 1-4 10 min CD pg 5-11 CD pg 12-15 10 min	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome, Introductions Facilities 2. GOAL: Recycle, Reuse & Reduce more yard Trimmings and Food Waste at home, on-site (write on flip chart or board) 3. What is Composting? (CDRom slides 1-4) Natural breakdown of organic materials but We want to speed Mother Nature up!! 4. Why Compost? Save money and reuse resources WI Law Benefits soil, magical uses Clay vs Sand loosen & drain / helps hold moisture Soil nutrients - reduce fertilizer needs - makes nutrients more available Need Soil - can't live by compost alone 5. Ask Audience How many just getting started? How many came for composting tips? 6. Handouts – briefly point out what ones audience has 7. Uses Soil Conditioner -Gardens: annual/perennial flowers, veggies, transplants Mulch - Trees & Shrubs: Some in hole, as mulch Lawns: Top Dress with Screened compost, add to soil of new lawn Potting soil recipe: Use with plants, some houseplants <small>Compost Tea</small> 8. Say Compost is Easy--- just need Good Recipe and go to handouts
15 min CD pg16-27 Yes-No overheads Mention Clopyralid	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. What does Compost Need? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbial Muscle Food (carbon & nitrogen), oxygen, water • KEEP Microbes Happy and they will work for you! • Macro organisms 10. What do You Need to Compost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes & Nos
Outside Bin Basics overhead or verbal outside 30 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin or Not to Bin or Trench – bin benefits, location, brief bin types, etc. • Recipes: Use Tools during demos --- sled, pitch fork, thermometer --- Fast Track - Hot & Turning Demo -- Laid back - Cool/Slow build as you go
Inside 10 min CD pg 43-44 CD pg 49-51	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. When is it done? smell, touch, look, doesn't reheat 12. Troubleshooting & Common Questions