Home Composting Resources

Try These Web Sites for Starters...

www.bae.ncsu.edu - go to "Directory/Contacts" and click on "Professional Listing" link. Select Rhonda L Sherman, click on "Composting", then "Home Composting". A resource listing by North Carolina State University faculty member Rhonda Sherman, including lists of other publications on composting and vermicomposting.

www.biocycle.net - go to “Article Archives” and search list of archives by subject. Numerous articles on home and large scale composting and vermicomposting from Biocycle magazine.

www.compostingcouncil.org
US Composting Council’s web site includes publications, discussion list, calendar of events and trainings from USCC, membership information and more about organization.

www.compostinfo.com
Florida’s on-line composting center developed by Sarasota County includes composting tutorials and other technical resources.

www.cce.cornell.edu - use search box to find topic specific info about composting. Technical and educational information on composting, including publications and audio-visual materials.

www.extension.umn.edu - type “compost” in search box. Fact sheets and guides on home composting and mulching.

www.mastercomposter.com
Guide to master composter programs in the US and internationally. Listings of composting and gardening products, interactive message board, technical resources and educational materials on composting issues.

www.muextension.missouri.edu - type “compost” in search box. Numerous fact sheets on home composting and mulching.

www.plantfacts.osu.edu - type “compost” in search box. Ohio State University links to fact sheets on composting, mulching and use of organic materials.

www.usda.gov - type “compost” or “mulch” in search box. United States Department of Agriculture provides basic home composting, vermicomposting and mulching information.

http://dnr.wi.gov - click on search box and type compost. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources site contains basic backyard composting and vermicomposting information.

www.uwex.edu/shwec - go to “publications,” and in focus area, specify composting. University of Wisconsin Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center fact sheets on composting questions, bin construction, vermicomposting and more.


### Books and Printed Materials


**Basic Composting: All the Skills and Tools You Need to Get Started (How To Basics)** (2003); Eric Ebeling, Alan Wycheck, Patti Olenick & Carl Hursh; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); $15.34.

**The Chemical-Free Lawn: The Newest Varieties and Techniques to Grow Lush, Hardy Grass** (1989); Warren Schultz; available from local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new and used); $7.49.

**Compost (Organic Gardening Basics)** (2001); by Editors of Organic Gardening Magazine; Rodale Books; [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new); $8.02.

**The Compost Book** (1999); David & Yvonne Taylor; “can’s” and “can'ts” of composting with diagrams and drawings; [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new); $23.95.

**Compost Critters** (1993); Bianca Lavies; color photographs, descriptions of who eats who in compost pile; [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (used); $4.99.

**Smith & Hawken: Hands On Gardener: Composting (Smith & Hawken the Hands-On Gardener)** (1998); Liz Ball; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (used); $5.49.


**Don’t Waste Your Wastes – Compost'em** (1991); Bert Whitehead, Sunnyvale Press; at local bookstores, [www.baproducts.com](http://www.baproducts.com) (click on “search our site,” type “compost”) $12.45 plus shipping and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new and used); $8.50.

**Easy Compost: The Secret to Great Soil and Spectacular Plants** (2001); Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Beth Hanson; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); $4.25.

**Home Composting: Reap a Heap of Benefits** (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-WA-1149

**Home Composting: The Basic Composter** (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-WA-182

**Yard Care: Do Your Share!** (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-WA-073

Brochures available at local Solid Waste/Recycling Departments, or WI DNR by downloadable format at [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling/outreach.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling/outreach.html) or send order for print format. On larger quantity orders, please contact WI DNR at DNRwastematerials@wisconsin.gov or (608)-266-2111 to discuss available options.

**Home Composting Wheel** (1994); compost basics; at [www.ehmi.org](http://www.ehmi.org), go to “EHS Publishing”, “store,” or EHMI, 10 Newmarket Rd., Durham, NH, 03824; 800-558-3464; $6.95.


**Organic Gardener’s Composting** (2010); Steve Solomon; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); $8.84.

**The Rodale Book of Composting: Easy Methods For Every Gardener** (1992); Grace Gershuny and Deborah L. Martin; at local bookstores, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); $12.46.


Slide Sets and Videos

Composting, It’s Recycling Naturally (2003); PowerPoint presentation, 54 slides; from University of WI Cooperative Extension; adapted from Penn State University Extension; includes colorful slides on basic composting, grass cycling and smart landscape choices; contact local WI County Extension Offices to borrow copy or contact SHWEC, Joe Van Rossum, Madison WI 53703, 608-262-0936.

It’s Gotten Rotten; 20-min. video; composting science program for high schoolers showing compost critters and classroom use of compost for scientific investigations; http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/ - go to “resources”, “composting”, under “youth and teacher”: Cornell Waste Management Institute, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Bradfield Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-5601, 607-255-1187; free download or purchase DVD/VHS $59.

Home Composting - Turning Your Spoils Into Soils; 17-min. video; basic backyard composting; CT DEP Recycling Program, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, 860-424-3555; or www.ct.gov/dep/ - go to “Materials and Waste Management”, “composting”; free download or purchase VHS $8.

Trade Journals and Newsletters


Composting News, electronic or paper monthly newsletter on composting and scrap wood management; McEntee Media Corporation, www.recycle.cc/, 440-238-6603; $83/year.


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