



Composting Resources

Books

- *Let It Rot! The Gardener's Guide to Composting* by Stu Campbell, 1998. This guide includes 149 pages of information from how decomposition works to the end product and how to use it.*
- *Worms Eat My Garbage* by Mary Appelhop, 1997.*
- *Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guide to Recycling Yard Clippings*. 1995.
- *Easy Composting, Environmentally Friendly Gardening* by James Ball, 1993.
- *The Secret Life of Compost: A 'How-to' & 'Why' Guide to Composting - Lawn, Feedlot, or Farm* by Malcolm Beck, 1997.
- *Compost this book! The Art of Composting for Your Yard, Your Community, and the Planet* by Marty Asher and Tom Christopher, 1994.
- *The Urban/Suburban Composter: The Complete Guide to Backyard, Balcony, and Apartment Composting* by Mark Cullen, Lorraine Johnson, and Andrew Leyerle, 1994.
- *The Rodale Book of Composting* editors Deborah L. Martin and Grace Gershuny, 1992.*
- *Organic Gardener's Composting* by Steve Solomon, 1993.
- *Teaming with Microbes: A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web* by Jeff Lowenfels & Wayne Lewis, 2006*
- *Easy Composters You Can Build* by Nick Noyes, 1995
- *The Complete Compost Gardening Guide* by Barbara Pleasant and Deborah L. Martin, 2008.
- *Compost, By Gosh!* by Michelle Eva Portman, 2002.

* Available at Sustainable Food Center's Library

Websites

- <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/compost.html>
- The City of Austin's own composting website! Includes instructions on how to make your own compost bin.
- <http://www.austinenergy.com/energy%20efficiency/programs/green%20building/sourcebook/compostSystems.html>
- Austin Energy's information on composting and resources in Austin.
- www.howtocompost.org
- From beginners to experts this web site is designed to be a hub for all composting information
- www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation/rrr/composting/index.html
- Includes information on basic composting, regional programs, relevant laws and more.
- www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/nav/composting.html
- Specific to Texas, this website includes a composting guide and information on compost regulation in the lone star state.
- www.compostguide.com

- This website provides a very clear and useable source of composting information, including comments from other composters and a number of specific topics.
- http://www.wormmainea.com/Worm_Bin_Instructions.pdf
- For those tempted to try composting with worms, this will take you through all the steps!

Austin Resources

- If you would like to see compost in action, the City of Austin has a Compost Demonstration Garden at the Botanical Gardens in Zilker Park, showing different methods of recycling yard clippings and vegetable scraps into rich, organic material. Several types of composting bins are displayed.
<http://www.zilker garden.org/gardens/various.html>
- A number of stores in Austin offer prefabricated bins and assistance, including The Natural Gardener, Breed and Co and Eco-Wise.
- Most materials for building composters are available at hardware stores like The Hardware Store, Breed and Co. or Home Depot; some useful secondhand materials may be available at The Habitat for Humanity ReStore.
- The City of Austin recommends the following two sites for worm purchase:
www.hallswormery.com, and www.downtoearthfarm.com.



Bin Options

Here are a few ideas for ways to construct your own compost bin. Many of these designs can be built with recycled materials!

