

# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## Get Ready for Compost Awareness Week

Did you know the word “compost” is searched nearly twice as often as it was 10 years ago? You can find what everyone else is searching for during this year’s Compost Awareness Week, running from May 5th to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Here are four accessible methods to get you composting now:



**Backyard Composting** – Lucky for you, the Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives provides **free composting kits**. Contact them to ask for your free wire roll, and get started today, right in your own backyard!

**Local Community Drop off Spots** – Gainesville has several convenient places for you to drop off your food waste for free: **the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Food Park, NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (next to Working Food), UF’s Student Compost Cooperative, and UF’s Field and Fork farm**. Choose a location closest to you, separate your food scraps at home, and drop them off at one of the sites, knowing your banana peels, apple cores, and coffee grounds are being put to good use by someone else.

**Monthly Composting Workshops** – The City of Gainesville Solid Waste Division is holding monthly composting workshops at different community gardens around town. Come, ask questions, get hands-on with the process, and walk away **empowered to significantly reduce your household waste**.

**Curbside Collection Services** – If the backyard isn’t an option, and you just can’t be bothered to go anywhere, contact Beaten Path Compost, the community composter, and **they will pick up your food scraps from the curb**. The small fee you pay helps create local green jobs.

Composting can lead to a lifetime of positive change, so let Compost Awareness Week be your first step on a path to zero waste.

Learn more about composting at [gainesvillefl.gov/Recycle](https://gainesvillefl.gov/Recycle).

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