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From The Police Chief:

January 26, 2024, is the start of my third year as Chief of Police here in the Borough. The last two years have gone very quickly, and I look forward to the future of the North Wales Borough Police. I want to take some time to reflect on the progress we have made in the last two years and look at what is in store for 2024.



North Wales Borough officers are now wearing body-worn cameras to add transparency and accountability. We have, for some time, utilized in-car dash cameras. In 2024, body cameras and in-car cameras will be synchronized. Also, we have added approximately thirty new policies in the last two years. The objective is to have these policies on the Borough website by the end of the year so they will be accessible to everyone. We are looking into the possibility of becoming an accredited police agency through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This process will include more policies and procedures that are scrutinized and approved by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (PLEAC).

We have also focused on training. The combination of training and PLEAC accreditation can positively impact the liability the Borough faces. Examples of training the officers attend are Crisis Intervention Specialists or CIS, De-escalation, and Bicycle training. We have three officers certified to ride mountain bikes while on duty. I hope to add two more officers who are certified in 2024. So, look for officers on bikes when the weather gets nicer. Officers are also required to complete monthly training on the current changes to the law. These changes include United States Supreme Court rulings, the Federal Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the Commonwealth Court decisions.

Two years ago, when I was appointed Chief, we partnered with Little’s Ice Cream and the Partnership TMA of Montgomery County. In the last two years, many of the kids in the Borough have seen the benefits of these partnerships. If officers see a child riding a bike, scooter, or skateboard while wearing a helmet, the officer will give the child a coupon for an ice cream at Little’s. Conversely, they may get a “ticket” if they are caught riding without a helmet. With this ticket, they can receive a free helmet from the TMA. Over the last two years, they have given out over one hundred helmets free of charge.

An officer walks through the elementary school at least once a day. To compliment that, our newest initiative is called “Donuts with a Cop.” Once a week, we go into the elementary school with munchkin donuts, read to the class, and then answer questions.

In closing, I would like to emphasize to please call 9-1-1 or the nonemergency number 215-699-9279 if you need police services. We do not self-dispatch, so there is not always a person to answer the phone at Borough Hall. Also, if you call the Borough Manager with a police issue, she has to call me and I have to call 215-699-9279.



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Message from the Mayor

Spring is a time of change and there are so many changes coming up here in North Wales!

Work will be kicking into high gear on the Borough's Arts and Cultural Center. The old St. Luke's Church on Main Street was purchased by the Borough in 2016 and with funding from Montgomery County's Pandemic Recovery Fund and the State's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, we're making sure that this landmark building continues to serve our community for decades more!

Our Police Department will be growing, with Council approving an increase in funding to add another full-time police officer. Chief of Police, David Erenius, continues his focus on making sure our "small but mighty" Department stays abreast of current trends in community policing.

We're seeing small businesses choose North Wales as their home as well. Ranging from empanadas to yarn, these small businesses are adding a dynamic new vibe to our community.

Spring also brings one of my favorite events - the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Weingartner Park which, as amazingly well planned as it is by Borough staff and the volunteers of the Parks and Recreation Board, always has a tiny element of chaos when they say go! It's such a joy to see kids happy and running about.

Finally, Spring is a great time to check on your neighbors and get to know them. When we know our neighbors, we can help each other whether Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall!



Neil McDevitt

Neil McDevitt

Mayor

ECode 360



Do you have questions about the laws, ordinances, and regulations that guide your experience here in North Wales? The Borough of North Wales is excited to introduce ECode360, a software our residents can use to access our governing codes.

Following the footsteps of many other local municipalities, this technology has made our code more accessible than ever. From Zoning to Parks and Recreation, it's important to us that our residents can read our code from any device, anywhere!

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Keep Your Waterways Clean - No Dumping in Stormwater Inlets

Your community is designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as an MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System and must maintain an NPDES Permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System). The primary goal of this program is to improve stormwater runoff quality, which impacts streams and rivers in the community.

One thing that the public can do to help prevent Stormwater Pollution is to never dump pollutants into a storm sewer inlet, drainage ditch or basin. This includes paint, chemicals, detergents or petroleum products, as well as grass clippings and leaves. These facilities drain directly to the local streams and dumping anything other than stormwater causes pollution that is harmful to the aquatic life and pollutes the waters which we use for recreation.



Updated Forms, Fees, and Permits

Looking to hang a sign, make a complaint, rent a community space, or honor a hometown hero? The North Wales Borough has recently updated its online forms, fees, and permits to make it easier for you to achieve these things. To access our forms, you can visit our website:

<https://www.northwalesborough.org>

You can edit them digitally and e-mail them, fax them, or drop them off at the Borough at your convenience.

North Wales Borough is now using Savvy Citizen to communicate with residents!

North Wales Borough has recently subscribed to Savvy Citizen, a notification system which allows municipalities to easily and effectively communicate with their residents via push notifications, text messages, or e-mails. Savvy Citizen is more than a notification system, as it allows North Wales residents to keep up-to-date on community events, helpful information, road closures, alerts and much more.

Whether it is a road closure, a fun local event, or significant municipal meeting, Savvy Citizen has a complete scheduling system that allows municipalities to communicate with residents of North Wales Borough!

Available on Android, iPhone/iPad, and desktop, residents of North Wales Borough can choose to receive notifications with push alerts on their smart phone, or they can browse in-app for a full listing of their notifications, alerts and community events. Those without smartphones can sign up via www.savvycitizenapp.com/ sign up and select to have text notifications or e-mails sent to them.

Stay in the loop with what's happening in North Wales – sign up for SavvyCitizen today!

An advertisement for the Savvy Citizen app. On the left, a hand holds a white smartphone displaying the app's splash screen with the Savvy Citizen logo and the text "Savvy Citizen" and "Powered by North Wales, PA". On the right, there is a photograph of a two-story brick house with a white porch. Below the house, a red banner contains the text: "Don't miss out on community events, notifications, and alerts from North Wales." and "Download for FREE today at". At the bottom, there are two logos: "Available on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play".



NORTH WALES WATER AUTHORITY ADVISORY



The US EPA recently released an update to the "Lead and Copper Rule" in a continuing effort to protect the public from lead and copper exposure in their drinking water.

While the NWWA does not have any lead pipes or water mains within the system that we own and operate, there may still be a few privately-owned lead water service lines leading to your home or business in existence. Additionally, many older interior plumbing systems used lead solder to seal joints, allowing the possibility of small particles of lead to leach into the water.

To help locate any lead (or galvanized) service pipes - or lead and copper problems in the water - the EPA/DEP has added the following new requirements:

- All public water suppliers, including the NWWA, are now required to compile a list of all water service line materials used within our entire service area, with a special focus on lead and galvanized iron service lines. If there are unknown service line materials, the service line is treated as lead and/or galvanized until we can prove otherwise. This means there is an increased chance that we will ask you to allow us to physically check to determine what service line material is in place. Properties with lead and/or galvanized service lines will be added to our water sampling program to collect results about the quality of the drinking water.
- Additionally, water service lines that are found to be lead and/or galvanized will be eligible for our service line replacement program. Our goal is to remove and replace these non-compliant service lines as soon as possible. This will ensure the best water quality possible.

NWWA is now compiling service line material data from our entire distribution area, including over 35,000 customers. The list is required to be completed and submitted by October 2024.

We ask that if you are contacted by the NWWA to permit water sampling at your home or business, you cooperate so that we can comply with the new rules, but more importantly, so we can help you ensure that your drinking water is safe and clean and free of any traces of lead or copper in your water.

If you would like to have a NWWA representative visit your property to verify the materials used in your private service line - or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local NWWA office:

NWWA Main Office North Wales, PA Montgomery County Division: 215-699-4836
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For more information, visit our website at <https://www.nwwater.com/>

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NOTE: This is an outdoor event and will be held rain or shine!



When nature calls, make sure you pick up. Clean up after your pet

Did you know that pet waste has bacteria that makes our streams and creeks unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities? Most of us pick up after our pets to be a good neighbor and keep our yard clean. But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets. Pet waste contains bacteria that is harmful to our water. An average size dog dropping contains 3 billion fecal coliform bacteria and other pathogens that could be a health hazard! Leaving it on the sidewalk or in the yards means that harmful bacteria can get washed into storm drains and roadside ditches that flow directly into our streams and creeks untreated. Noting that 40% of households have a dog, you can imagine the potential problems if all, or even a portion of that amount of waste ended up in our surface waters that are being used for recreational and other purposes. So, what can you do? Simple. Whether you are in your yard or on a walk, dispose of your pet's waste promptly in the trash or toilet to prevent it from entering storm drains and roadside ditches. Pick up after your pet...and help keep our water clean.



Rainbows are for discovering pots of gold – Not pools of toxins!!



Next time it rains, look down at your driveway or the nearest parking lot. See any colorful "oil rainbows" slicked across the pavement? It's a sign that someone's car is leaking fluids. The rainbows might look pretty, but these fluid leaks are composed of highly toxic materials such as antifreeze, motor oil, brake fluid and/or transmission fluid. When the toxins enter the storm drain system or leach into the soil, our surface and groundwater supplies are contaminated and that means your drinking water supplies are put at risk. You rely on your car for safe, convenient transportation. Why not treat it right and protect water quality at the same time?

- Repair auto fluid leaks right away. Use a drip pan to catch leaks if repairs are delayed.
- Collect and dispose of fluids from routine maintenance properly.

For help with the disposal of home toxic materials, search "Montco Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program 2019" to see the collection dates and sites and what can and cannot be disposed of at these events.

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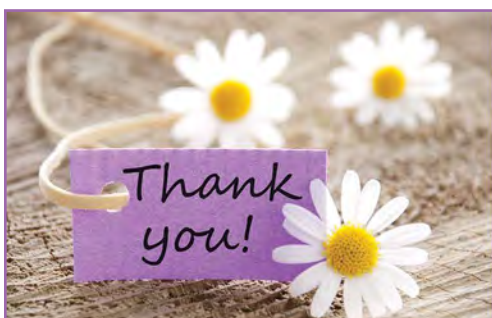
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With warmer weather on the way, Fire Prevention Officer Lt. Matt Daywalt and the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company would like to remind you of some seasonal safety tips. "Spring is a great time of year to complete those cleanup projects around your home, get your grill out, enjoy the weather and make your home a little safer," said Chief Matthew J Traynor.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly
- Remember when we Spring Forward with Daylight Savings Time, we change out batteries in those alarms that require it
- Alarms older than 10 years need to be replaced
- Develop and practice your Home Fire Escape Plan
- Clean your garage, basement and other living areas of unwanted items that can fuel a fire or limit firefighter access and your ability to get out
- Keep dead vegetation away from around your home
- Do not dispose of cigarettes in the mulch bed
- Clean lint trap every time before using your dryer. The outside exhaust vent should be checked seasonally too at a minimum
- Barbecue grills should only be used outside and away from overhangs and balconies
- Do not mix ammonia with bleach while doing your cleaning



COMMUNITY CONNECT

Your volunteers have gone a step further and partnered with First Due to help keep residents and business owners safe during emergencies. "Protecting the North Penn area is our mission and with Community Connect we are able to take a huge step forward with the community's participation in the program," said Chief Traynor.

Community Connect is a free, secure, and easy to use platform that allows you to share critical information about your household or business that will aid our emergency personnel in their response to your emergency. Property owners can provide information about the address, who is best to contact, whether anyone at the property may have mobility issues or other functional needs that require assistance, utility controls, and even information about pets. Any information you provide is completely voluntary and based on what you feel comfortable sharing. There is no cost to the property owner. Additional information can be found by scanning the QR code.

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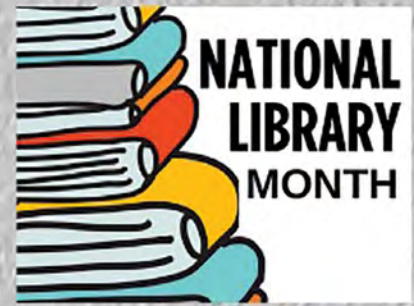
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Monday-Thursday 11 am – 7 pm

Friday 11 am – 4 pm

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Special Events in 2024

Book Clubs

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Attraction Passes

Attraction passes can be checked out to visit places like museums, gardens, and zoos free of charge.

Blood Drive Thursdays

The third Thursday of each month from 1-6 pm

Swedesford Garden Club

March 11 - 1 pm, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, and August 12 - 6:45 pm No Fee

Computer tutoring and Excel classes are available for adults. \$10 per hour

Game Drop In - Mahjong, Mexican Train Dominoes, Canasta, Pinochle

Community Room Rentals Available!



Taste of Montgomery County Thursday, April 11, 2024

At St. Rose Church
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6:00-8:30 pm

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Book Sale -May 17 and 18 8 am – 3 pm

Stop in for a bag of hardback and/or paperback books for all ages. May 18- \$5 a bag!

Story Walk

Visit our outdoor Story Walk! Stroll the Library property and read a specially selected children's book.

Story Time Tuesday & Thursday

Join Miss Vickie Tuesday at 10 and Miss Erin Thursday at 11
Story Time at Montgomery Township Rec Center the third Wednesday at 10

Toddler Art and Movement Classes - see the Library calendar

Solar Eclipse Day – April 8,
Special viewing glasses will be available.
Weather permitting

Movies at the Library!

See www.northwaleslibrary.org for showings.

Chess Club meets on Saturdays at 1 pm for third grade up.

Program details can be found at www.northwaleslibrary.org

Donate your car!



The Library will benefit from the proceeds of the sale or salvage of your vehicle. Your donation is tax deductible. Contact Point Service Center at 215-699-TIRE (8473) or email poinservicetr@gmail.com and tell them you want to donate your vehicle to NWAL. Arrangements will be made to tow your vehicle, if necessary, at no cost to you.



**NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY
PRESENTS...**



Taste
of
Montgomery County

Proceeds benefit the North Wales Area Library,
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**Join us for a festival of flavors as the North Wales Area Library partners with local restaurants, caterers, breweries, pubs, and vineyards to showcase a variety of their tastiest treats and mouthwatering morsels.
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**Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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or in person at the library / \$55 at the door**



North Wales SUMMER KICKOFF

Weingartner Park
June 8, 2024 from 5-9pm

Food Trucks, Music, Fireworks, and More!

★ 4th of July ★ Parade and Picnic



The NWCPA

Would like to invite everyone to help us celebrate the
4th of July!

The parade begins at Main St. and Elm Ave. at 11 am,
then Marches up Main Street to Weingartner

★ If you would like to participate in the parade, ★
please call 215-699-6247 or email NWCPA19454@gmail.com

- Veterans and antique cars will gather on Pennsylvania Avenue, behind North Wales Water Authority (in their parking lot) at 10:30 am
- Children and families with decorated bicycles, scooters, wagons will gather on Water Street, behind May's Funeral Home at 10:30 am
- Businesses and Groups (Church, Dance, Karate...) that would like to join, will gather on Pennsylvania Avenue, between W. Walnut Street and Elm Avenue at 10:30

North Wales Community Project Alliance (NWCPA) is a non-profit North Wales Borough based group of volunteers established to carry out activities that promote the well-being and pride of our community.



BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES PARKS & RECREATION 2023-2024 Calendar Of Events



EASTER EGG HUNT

When: Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Where: Weingartner Park

Bring your little chicks and bunnies! The Easter Bunny will be bringing eggs filled with candy and prizes galore. Arrive at 10:45 to find the starting point for your child's age group. The hunts are broken into groups: Pre-K, Grades K-1st, Grades 2nd-3rd. Bring your baskets!



COMMUNITY GARDEN SPRING PLANTING

When: Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Where: 4th Street Park (Bryant Memorial Garden)

Calling all gardeners young & old! It's time to get the community garden shaped up and planted. Gardening tips and demonstrations for seasoned planters and beginners. This year's topic is Native: Case for Butterflies, Bees, Birds, and Bats. Bring your children and introduce them to the life-long love of gardening. Children will plant seeds to take home.



SUMMER KICKOFF

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

Where: Weingartner Park

Let the summer fun begin! Bring your family, friends, blankets, and chairs for the start of summer celebration. There will be food trucks, beer, and music. Come and create some great North Wales memories!



SUMMER PARK TOUR

When: August 1-31, 2024

Where: All Parks

Tour and explore the nine parks within North Wales on your own time. Find a symbol hidden at each park and enter to win a prize. Discover the hidden gems that lie within our Borough and share photos of your excursions on social media. Details to be provided on the Borough website in July 2024.

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Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management – Be Green While Protecting Our Streams

Protecting Pennsylvania's Waterways Starts at Home.

Turfgrass has become a major component of Pennsylvania's flora. In fact, according to DCNR, Pennsylvania now contains over 2 million acres of lawn. Selecting a proper turfgrass management program, whether it is on a private lawn, sports field, public park, or golf course, is essential to protecting our local waterways.

Know What Your Lawn Needs

When looking to apply nutrients to your lawn, make sure you are aware of what your lawn needs and what the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law allows. To determine your lawn's nutrient needs, it is best to first soil test. Soil tests provide specific recommendations for nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium. Following the soil test recommendations ensures that you are applying only what your lawn needs, thus reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost. Test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local Penn State extension office.

The Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law

In July 2022, Pennsylvania adopted a new fertilizer law designed to minimize the movement of nutrients into our waterways. Anyone who applies fertilizers should be aware of the following nutrient limitations.

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Both the nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced efficiency fertilizer.
 - o Enhanced efficiency fertilizers are specifically designed to reduce nutrient losses to the environment while increasing availability to plants.

In addition, when applying fertilizer, applicators must follow specific environmental conditions to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams.

- Do not apply if a heavy rain is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (i.e. driveways, sidewalks, roads) back onto the application area.
- Do not use as a snow or ice melt.
- Do not spread fertilizer on snow-covered or frozen ground.
- Fertilizer application between December 15 and March 1 is restricted to 0.50 lbs of total nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.

Read the Label

Manufacturers of fertilizer products must include detailed labels that provide the nutrient content and instructions for use. As a fertilizer applicator, you are strongly encouraged to read and follow all directions and apply your fertilizer using a properly calibrated spreader.

Lawn Care Considerations

Nutrient management is not the only tool that can be used for limiting nutrient loss. There are many additional lawn care considerations that can be used to promote a healthy lawn while protecting our local waterways. A few examples are listed below.

- **Fertilizer may not be the solution.** If your lawn is not looking as healthy and green as you would like, sometimes fertilizer is not the answer. Applying fertilizer without understanding the underlying soil can result in a waste of money and nutrients. There are many soil health factors that play a critical role in maintaining your lawn. Reducing soil compaction can improve root growth and water infiltration. Maintaining an appropriate soil pH is essential to promoting proper nutrient availability. Soil texture and organic matter content influence water movement, nutrient availability, and the microbial ecosystem of the soil. A healthy soil supports a healthy lawn.
- **Raise your mower deck.** Set your mower deck to 3 inches or higher. A taller lawn provides shade that discourages weed growth and promotes strong root development helping lawns to withstand environmental stress. Alternatively, you can use low mow turf species, such as fine fescue blends, that do best when mowing is limited. A taller, healthier lawn slows water movement and increases infiltration keeping moisture, soil, and nutrients where they are needed most.
- **Mulch your grass clippings.** Keeping your clippings in place returns valuable organic matter and nutrients to your lawn.
- **Provide a buffer.** Do not mow up to the banks of streams. Maintaining vegetative buffers along waterways provides wildlife habitat while slowing and filtering water before it enters the stream.
- **Convert your lawn.** Replacing turf with native vegetation not only increases water infiltration, but also promotes biodiversity and creates habitats for pollinators and other wildlife. For more information on Lawn Conversion visit DCNR's website.

Working Together for Clean Water.

Environmental stewardship requires teamwork. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at www.agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@pa.gov.





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Don't Waste Uneaten Food— Compost It!

Food scraps have value.

Food is the single largest category of material sent to municipal solid waste landfills. In 2018, 35 million tons of food scraps went into landfills. Food in landfills generates methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. You can help the environment by recycling your food waste into compost.



1 What is compost?

- Compost is decomposed organic material made from food, leaves, and other material.
- It is a living soil amendment.

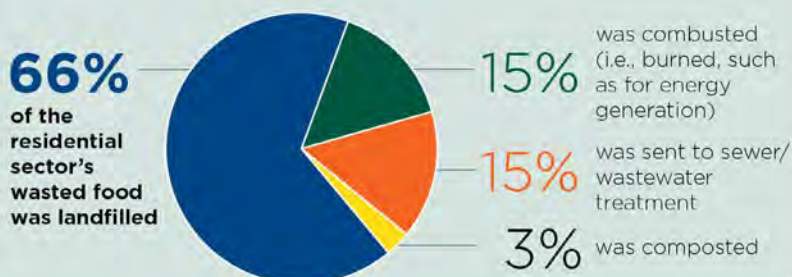
2 Why compost?

- Keep food out of landfills.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Use finished compost in a garden to recycle nutrients back into the soil.
- Improve soil health.
- Expand the soil's ability to store carbon.
- Reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides.

According to the EPA, in **2018**, only 2.6 million tons of food scraps were composted, compared to 35 million tons that went into landfills.



The **residential sector**, which includes single- and multi-family dwellings, generated about **25 million tons** of wasted food in 2018.



3 How can I compost?

- Start backyard composting.
- Begin an indoor worm (vermicomposting) bin.
- Drop off food scraps at a community compost location.
- Sign up for a food scrap curbside collection service, or participate in one your city or town might offer.

4 What can I compost?

- The basic ingredients for compost are greens (e.g., vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, grass), browns (leaves, twigs, straw, or other carbon-rich material), water, and air.
- Your community or compost service may accept additional items, so check with them.

I am interested in composting; how do I learn more?

Visit EPA's composting webpage:

- <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/reducing-impact-wasted-food-feeding-soil-and-composting>

SOURCE: <https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/food-material-specific-data>



Learn more about how to reduce food loss and waste at www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste and www.epa.gov/reducefoodwaste





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