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### **Wake County Encourages Residents to Learn about Composting**

*Backyard compost bins on sale this month*

Food scraps and other organic waste, such as lawn clippings, can make up approximately 25 percent of what is in your trash can. Instead of sending these items to the landfill, Wake County is encouraging residents to give them a second life through composting.

Wake County's [Solid Waste Management Division](#) is offering compost bins at a reduced rate through March 31. Residents can [pre-order a compost bin](#) for \$50 dollars, which is 50 percent lower than retail cost.

Through composting, food scraps and yard waste can provide essential nutrients to soil for a healthy garden. Composting reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, helps soil retain moisture, reduces the amount of greenhouse gases produced in landfills and even serves as an educational tool for children about recycling and conservation.

Residents who order bins in March will be notified of several convenient pick-up events throughout April at the North Wake Solid Waste Management Facilities located at 9020 Deponie Drive in Raleigh. Bins will not be available for sale at any of the pick-up events.

On Earth Day, celebrated April 22, residents picking up their bins will also have the opportunity to watch a demonstration on composting and learn the best way to get the most out of their food scraps and other organic waste.

For more information on the backyard compost bin sale, visit [wakegov.com/compost](http://wakegov.com/compost).

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