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## Learn about Composting this Earth Day

Food waste and other potentially compostable materials make up a quarter of residential trash in Wake County. This Earth Day, Wake County invites residents to come out to the North Wake Solid Waste Management Facilities to learn about composting, food waste recycling and how to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in the landfill.

On April 22, the county will hold a composting event from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the [North Wake Solid Waste Management Facilities](#) on Deponie Drive in Raleigh. Attendees will learn how they can put their food and yard waste to use through composting and will have an opportunity to see a composting demonstration. In addition to traditional composting, attendees will learn about vermicomposting and can register for the chance to win a worm farm.

Residents who [ordered a compost bin](#) during the month of March can also pick up their bin at this event.

Information will also be available about Wake County's free [food waste drop-off recycling program](#), which was developed to help reduce the amount of food waste entering the landfill. Residents can bring their waste to select convenience centers for recycling. The program is entering its second year and is currently keeping

approximately 6,000 pounds of food waste out of the landfill each month.

Attendees who sign up for the program on Saturday will receive a free kitchen caddy while supplies last.

For more information about the compost event, contact Wake County Education and Outreach Manager [Heather Cashwell](#) via email or at 919-856-6432.

### **About the Wake County Solid Waste Management Division**

The Wake County Solid Waste Management Division provides waste disposal and recycling services to residents and businesses in Wake County. The division manages 17 waste facilities including a landfill, waste transfer station, residential waste and recycling convenience centers, household hazardous waste and multi-material recycling drop-off facilities. To learn more, visit [www.wakegov.com/recycling](http://www.wakegov.com/recycling).

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