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## Just \$50 for Everything You Need to Start Composting

Compost bin sale runs through May 31

How would you like to save money on fertilizer and potting soil and, while you're at it, help save the planet? Whether you've got a green thumb or want to go green, Wake County has everything you need start composting in your backyard this summer.

For the month of May, Wake County is partnering with BrandBuilders, LLC to sell Earth Machine compost bins for just \$50. That's 50% off the retail price, and orders include a 20-page handbook explaining the ins and outs of composting.

"A lot of people think composting is really complicated, but it's not that difficult, especially when you have a bin that's designed for that purpose," Environmental Program Coordinator Sara

A promotional graphic for a compost bin sale. The top section is dark green with the text "COMPOST BIN SALE" in white and green. To the right is a circular image of a black Earth Machine compost bin. The middle section is a lighter green with a small plant icon and the text "\$50 DURING THE MONTH OF MAY". The bottom section is dark brown with the Wake County logo, "Environmental Services", and the website "WAKEGOV.COM/COMPOST".

**COMPOST BIN SALE**

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WAKE COUNTY Environmental Services  
Visit our website to learn more  
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Davarbakhsh said. “These bins make composting so easy. They really thought of everything.”

Orders will be [accepted online](#) through May 31, and bins will be available for pickup during four events at the North Wake Solid Waste Management Facilities, [9020 Deponie Drive, Raleigh](#). Wake County staff will be on hand to show you how to use your new Earth Machine.

The pickup dates are:

- Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon
- Monday, June 17, from 8–10 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 18, from noon to 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 19, from 5–7 p.m.

### **Why compost?**

Whether you’re looking to enrich your soil or take better care of the planet, there are plenty of reasons to start composting.

“Traditionally, we’ve seen a lot of interest in composting from gardeners because plants love compost,” Davarbakhsh said. “But in recent years, we’ve seen a lot more interest from all people who, above all, want to help the planet and reduce their carbon footprint.”

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 and even serves as an educational tool for teaching children about the nutrient cycle and natural resource conservation.

About a quarter of the waste generated by the average Wake County household is compostable. That adds up to about 650 pounds of organic waste per household, per year. Keeping these items out of the garbage not only reduces the cost of collection, but also frees up space at the landfill, and it cuts down on your carbon footprint,

because organic waste releases greenhouse gases when it breaks down in the landfill.

To learn more and order your bin, visit [wakegov.com/compost](http://wakegov.com/compost). You do not have to live in Wake County to order.

### **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 19 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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