COMPOSTING RESOURCE GUIDE

# *Complied by the Garden Hotline, 206-633-0224 or* [www.gardenhotline](http://www.gardenhotline) .org

##### Compost Bins

Seattle residents can receive information on where to purchase a compost bin by contacting the Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224 or **help@gardenhotline.org****.**

## Do-It Yourself

* **The Sustainable Yard and Home Education Program** provides **free** design sheets for a 3-bin unit, an indoor and outdoor worm bin, and a food scrap digester. For copies of these free design sheets, call the **Garden Hotline,** (206) 633-0224, or go to [**www.tilthalliance.org/learn/resources-1/compost**](http://www.seattletilth.org/learn/resources-1/compost)**.** The Garden Hotline can also send you copies of guides on composting food scraps and yard materials, soil building, growing food in the city, smart watering, natural lawn care, choosing the right plants, and natural pest, weed, and disease control.
* **Compost Tumbler Plans**: [www.instructables.com/id/Compost-Tumbler](http://www.instructables.com/id/Compost-Tumbler)

## Manufactured

* **Seattle Composter & Green Cone Food Waste Digester:** Available from the Seattle Conservation Corps:

(206) 684-0190. [**www.seattle.gov/binsandbarrels**](http://www.seattle.gov/binsandbarrels)

* **Yelm Earthworm & Castings Farm**:Food waste composting systems. 1-877-339-6767. [**www.yelmworms.com**](http://www.yelmworms.com)
* **Gardener’s Supply**: Yard waste bins, tumblers and food waste bins by mail. 1-888-833-1412 [**www.gardeners.com**](http://www.gardeners.com/)

##### Master Composter/Sustainability Steward Volunteer Program

Master Composter/Sustainability Steward volunteers offer educational activities for all ages. To schedule activities or to find out how to become a Master Composter/Soil Builder, call the Volunteer Coordinator, (206) 633-0097.

##### Books on Composting

* ***Let It Rot!* *The Home Gardener’s Guide to Composting****,* by Stu Campbell.
* ***Rodale Book of Composting*,** by Rodale Press.
* ***Teaming with Microbes – A Gardener’s Guide to the Soil Food Web,*** by Jeff Lowenfels and Wayne Lewis.
* ***Teaming with Nutrients - The Organic Gardener’s Guide to Optimizing Plant Nutrition,*** by Jeff Lowenfels
* ***Teaming with Fungi - The Organic Gardener’s Guide to Optimizing Plant Nutrition,*** by Jeff Lowenfels

##### Red Worms for Composting

#### Red worms are sold in many ways. For a healthy start, a 2’ by 3’ by 1’ deep worm bin requires ½ pound to 1 pound of worms. Call sources listed below for availability before you go to purchase. Contact the Garden Hotline (206) 633-0224 or help@gardenhotline.org for more information and sources for red worms.

* **Tilth Alliance – through the Garden Hotline**: 4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103. (206) 633-0224. [**www.gardenhotline.org**](http://www.gardenhotline.org)
* **Stone Way Hardware**: 4318 Stone Way N., Seattle, WA 98103. (206) 545-6910 [**www.stonewayhardware.com**](http://www.stonewayhardware.com)
* **Sky Nursery**: 18528 Aurora Way N., Shoreline, WA 98133. (206) 546-4851 [**www.skynursery.com**](http://www.skynursery.com)
* **Northwest Wigglers:** Ships from Lake Stevens, WA 206-659-6767. [**www.northwestwigglers.com**](http://www.northwestwigglers.com)
* **Yelm Earthworms and Castings Farm:** 14741 Lawrence Lake Rd SE, Yelm, WA 98597. 1-877-339-6767 [**www.yelmworms.com**](http://www.yelmworms.com)

##### Finished Compost Resources

#### Contact the Garden Hotline (206) 633-0224 or help@gardenhotline.org for a more information about finished compost resources.

#### Barefoot Soil: Earthworm castings from dairy and horse manure and yard waste. 1-877-339-6767. [www.yelmworms.com](http://www.yelmworms.com/)

* **Bailey Compost**: 12711 Springhetti Road, Snohomish. Yard waste and dairy manure. Available in bulk for pick-up or local delivery. (360) 568-8826. [**www.baileycompost.com**](http://www.baileycompost.com/)
* **Cedar Grove Compost**: Made from regional yard and food waste. Available in bags at local garden stores and hardware stores. Also available in bulk for pick-up or delivery. 1-877-764-5748. [**cedar-grove.com**](http://www.cedar-grove.com/)
* **DeJong’s Sawdust and Shavings**: 11807 Avondale Rd NE, Redmond. Chicken-N-Chips® composted chicken manure, horse manure, and wood shavings. Available in bulk for pick-up or delivery. (425) 885-1821. [**www.dejongss.com**](http://www.dejongss.com/)
* **Sayers Fuel**: 3809 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle. Cedar Grove and Steer-Co™ available in bulk for pick-up or delivery. (206) 723-0564
* **Sky Nursery**: 18528 Aurora Ave. N. Cedar Grove and Chicken-N-Chips® compost available in bulk for pick-up. Various bagged compost products also available. (206) 546-4851. [**www.skynursery.com**](http://www.skynursery.com/)
* **Zoo Doo®:** 750 N 50th Street (South Entrance), 5500 Phinney Ave N (West Entrance). Composted herbivore manure from the Woodland Park Zoo. Available at the ZooStores in small amounts. Bulk available at the Fecal Fest. Call the Poop Line at (206) 625-7667. [**www.zoo.org/zoodoo**](https://www.zoo.org/zoodoo)

#### Raw Materials for Composting & Mulching

* **Manure**: Check **Craig’s List** and newspaper classified ads for dairies and stables offering low cost and free manure. Some deliver for a fee. [**www.craigslist.org**](http://www.craigslist.org)
* **King Conservation District**: **“Manure Match Program”** provides gardeners with listings for livestock owners with free manure available for pick-up. (425) 282-1900. [**https://kingcd.org/programs/better-soils/manure-match/**](https://kingcd.org/programs/better-soils/manure-match/?highlight=manure%20share)
* **Upcycle NW:** Burlap coffee bags and coffee chaff. [**www.seattleburlap.com**](http://www.seattleburlap.com)
* **Arborist Wood Chips** are delivered for free by many “Tree Services” and Arborists. Look for chips on Chipdrop.com – [**www.getchipdrop.com**](http://www.getchipdrop.com)

Shredders, Chippers & Hand Tools

**Shredders and Chippers**: Shredders and chippers are useful for turning woody yard debris into mulches and preparing materials for rapid composting. Many machines both shred and chip. Shredders work best for leaves, twigs and stalks. Chippers are needed for woody branches. Gasoline powered units, 5-8 horsepower, can chip branches up to 2” or 3” in diameter. Many local rental service stores and yards rent shredders and chippers by the hour or day. Rates vary widely. Call to make sure the yard has a machine that is appropriate for the materials you want to shred. **Hand Tools for Composting**: Manure forks, post-hole diggers, machetes, screens, and soil thermometers are available at local hardware stores and through mail-order and online garden catalogues. You can also join a community organization that hosts a tool-sharing library:

* **Ballard Tool Library -** [**www.ballardtoollibrary.org**](http://www.ballardtoollibrary.org)
* **Capitol Hill Tool Library –** [**www.sustainablecapitolhill.org/tool-library**](http://www.sustainablecapitolhill.org/tool-library)
* **NE Seattle Tool Library –** [**www.neseattletoollibrary.org/**](http://www.neseattletoollibrary.org/)
* **Phinney Neighborhood Association** - [**www.phinneycenter.org/tools/**](http://www.phinneycenter.org/tools/)
* **SE Seattle Tool Library –** [**www.setools.org**](http://www.setools.org)
* **West Seattle Tool Library:** [**www.wstools.org**](http://www.wstools.org)

##### Waste Reduction & Other Information

* **Seattle Public Utilities:** Garbage, recycling and yard debris pick-up info. (206) 684-3000 [**www.seattle.gov/util/services**](http://www.seattle.gov/util/services/)
* **King County Solid Waste:** Recycling/composting information for King Co. residents outside Seattle. (206) 296-4466 [**your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste**](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste)
* **Washington State Department of Ecology:** Recycling Hotline. 1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253). [**www.800recycle.wa.gov/**](http://www.800recycle.wa.gov/)
* **Hazards Line:** King County (206) 296-4692. [**www.hazwastehelp.org**](http://www.hazwastehelp.org)
* **Washington Toxics Coalition:** (206) 632-1545. [**toxicfreefuture.org**](http://www.watoxics.org)
* **Washington Department of Ecology Toxic Free Tips:** 1-866-939-9991. [**https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/0904017.pdf**](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/0904017.pdf)
* **Seattle City Arborist:** Info about street tree planting and removal. (206) 684-8733. [**www.seattle.gov/transportation/arborist.htm**](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/arborist.htm)
* **Washington State University Cooperative Extension, King County:** [**www.gardening.wsu.edu/**](http://www.gardening.wsu.edu/)
* **Master Gardeners:** programgardening information, clinic schedules and e-clinic can also be found at**:** [**www.mgfkc.org**](http://www.mgfkc.org)
* **University of Washington Botanic Gardens:** Horticultural workshops and library. (206) 543-8616. [**www.botanicgardens.uw.edu**](http://www.botanicgardens.uw.edu)
* **Tilth Alliance:** Organic gardening workshops and library. (206) 633-0451. [**www.tilthalliance.org**](http://www.seattletilth.org/)
* **Seattle Public Utilities Water Conservation Office:** Free information on water conservation gardening practices. (206) 684-7283. [**www.savingwater.org**](http://www.savingwater.org/)
* **Seattle Public Utilities - Rain Wise:** Free information on stormwater management for your property. [**www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/GreenStormwaterInfrastructure/RainWise/index.htm**](http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/GreenStormwaterInfrastructure/RainWise/index.htm)
* **700 Million Gallons - RainWise rebates and stormwater management information -** [www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/](https://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/)