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VIRTUAL COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Free Zoom Event

Thursday

October 1, 2020

6:00pm-7:30pm

Composting Basics

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Why compost?

Saves Landfill Space

Enriches Soil

Reduces need for fertilizers

Promotes moisture retention

Suppresses plant diseases and pests



Myths of Composting

- Compost Smells
- Compost Attracts Unwanted Animals
- Compost Bins are Unsightly
- Compost Bins are Expensive
- Composting takes too much time

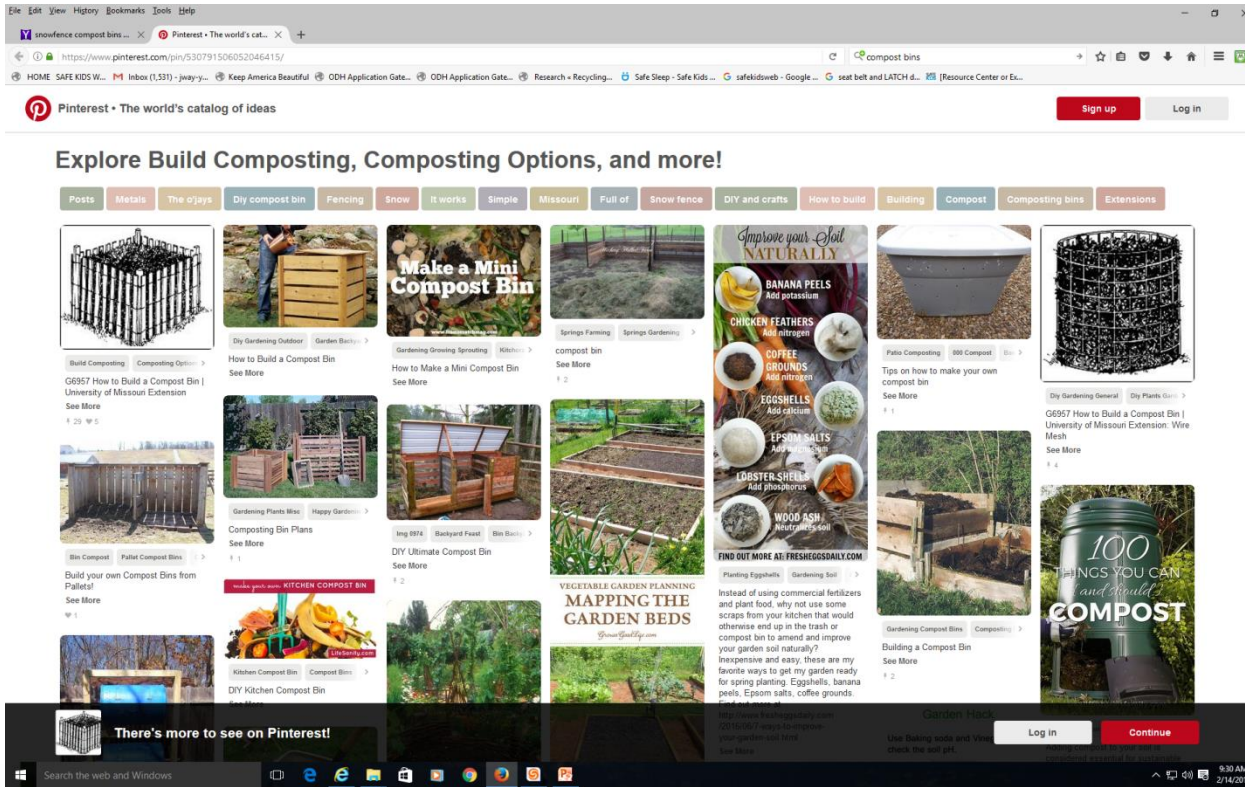
What can I compost?

Yes!

Leaves
Garden plant remains
Grass clippings
Coffee Grounds
Egg shells
Wood ashes
Sawdust (untreated woods)
Pet hair

No.

Meat or bones
Dairy products
Oily foods (salad dressing or mayo)
Animal and pet waste
Diseased plant material
Chemically treated organics
Plants that are toxic to other plants



Five Elements to Easy Compost

Ratio of about 30:1 **Carbon** to **Nitrogen**

Surface Area

Oxygen/Aeration

Moisture

Temperature

Begin with Layers

- Top** Dried Leaves or dried garden waste
- 1” soil
- 6 to 8 inches of grass clippings, weeds, dry leaves, coffee grounds, vegetable scraps, etc.
- Bottom** Base: Brush or wood chips

How To Tend a Backyard Compost Pile

How to Use a Compost Tumbler

Vermicomposting is it for you?



Fast

Indoors with minimal space

Great for kitchen scraps

More nutrients

What you will need to get started

Do your research

Bin – box or tower

Bedding

Red Wigglers (*Eisenia fetida*)

Food – fruit and veggie scraps

Harvest Castings



Price Farms Organics, Ltd.



[Interview with Tom Price](#)

Resources

The Ohio State University Extension “Composting at Home” Fact Sheet

Cornell Cooperative Extension

North Carolina State Extension

Delaware County Public Library

Pinterest

Youtube

Worms Eat My Garbage