



UA Student Compost Program

Learn more about composting and opt in
to UA's student compost program!

A partnership between the UA Environmental Council,
Bama Dining, and the UA Arboretum

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What is composting?

Composting is a process where fruit and vegetable scraps, as well as other organic materials, naturally decompose into soil.

This nutrient-rich soil is great plant fertilizer, and can be used to grow more plants!



UA's Composting Program

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Dining Halls

During food prep, employees at Mary B's, Fresh Foods, and Lakeside collect organic matter in designated bins.

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Arboretum

Arboretum staff combine this food waste with brown matter (carbon-rich waste like leaves, cardboard, etc) in large piles. Then, piles are occasionally turned to facilitate composting. The whole process can take months or even years!



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Transport

UA Facilities picks up this waste once a week and transports it to the UA Arboretum.

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Use

Once the composting process is complete, the Arboretum's master gardeners use the soil in their garden beds!



**You can be a
part of the
process!**



How does it work?

- 1) Sign up

Sign up to be a part of the program using the survey at the end of this slideshow!
- 2) Collect scraps

Throughout the week, collect any food scraps you create in a reuseable container.
- 3) Drop off

On the designated day, bring your scraps to the drop off point!



Compost FAQ

What can I compost?

Generally, you can compost any organic matter (raw fruits/vegetables), coffee grounds, and eggshells. Do not compost meat, dairy, or plastic waste!

Where do I store it?

You can store your organic waste in a small container on the counter or in the fridge/freezer (to prevent smells). Cut large chunks up into smaller pieces to speed up the process.

Why compost?

When food composts, it produces much less methane than in the landfill. Composting also improves soil health, water retention, and fruit/vegetable taste!



COMPOSTING

Dos and Don'ts

PLEASE COMPOST POR FAVOR COMPOSTAR...

Raw Fruit and Vegetable Scraps

Restos de frutas y verduras crudas

Egg Shells

Cáscaras de huevo

Coffee and Tea Grounds

Posos de café y té



DO NOT COMPOST NO COMPOSTAR...



Gloves

Cuantes

Plastic (packaging, fruit stickers)

Plástico (envases, pegatinas)

Utensils or Cookware

Utensilios de cocina



Metal

Metal



Paper Trash

Basura de papel



Dairy (milk, yogurt, cheese)

Lácteos (leche, yogur, queso)

Bread

Pan

Processed Food

Alimentos ultraprocesados



Sign up to compost!

If you're interested by what you've learned, sign up to compost with [this form!](#) Once you successfully complete the form, you will be registered in the compost program.

Then, you will be sent a weekly email reminding you about drop-off times and location.

UA Student Compost Program
Registration Form



Thank you

for helping us make UA a little more sustainable!

Please reach out to Claire Kennedy
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