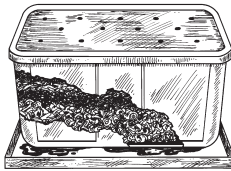


Open Holding Units

Holding units, as pictured on the previous page, are easy to make by shaping wire mesh or fencing into a ring or by tying wooden pallets together to form a cube. Holding units are temporary and transportable, and they improve the appearance of a compost pile, plus they aid in heat retention by containing the materials. Open units require more frequent watering since they tend to dry out and are generally used to compost yard trimmings, such as grass clippings, weeds, old flowers, plants and leaves. Just add these materials as they are generated. This method is a slow and cool process that will produce compost in six to 18 months.

Vermicomposting

Placing red worms in a wooden or plastic bin with a moist bed of leaves, shredded cardboard, paper or newspaper, can convert vegetative food scraps into worm castings, which is another way of producing a nutrient-rich form of compost.



Household worm bins are often used in compost programs for apartments and offices where people have limited yard space.

And remember . . .

Finished compost and wood chips are available to Ocean County residents, landscapers and municipalities free of charge at the County's Northern and Southern Recycling Centers. Please call the Recycling Centers prior to picking up compost or wood chips to check on availability.



For more information about home composting, contact:

Ocean County
Department of Solid Waste Management
129 Hooper Avenue
P.O. Box 2191
Toms River, NJ 08754
(732) 506-5047
www.co.ocean.nj.us/recycle

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Service Hotline:
(732) 349-1245

Suggested reading on home composting:
Backyard Composting, by Harmonius Technologies
Keep It Off The Curb, by Harmonius Technologies

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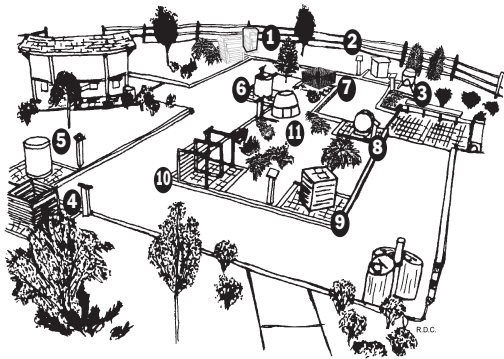
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To increase awareness and further educate residents about the benefits of backyard composting, the County purchased through a recycling grant several backyard composting units for distribution to its municipalities to develop pilot backyard composting programs. Most of the County's municipalities participated in the pilot project and offered mandatory training workshops to interested residents with a backyard composting unit. The project proved to be a success, based upon very positive surveys the County received from participants of the program. Residents expressed their strong interest in backyard composting by supporting the environmental benefit it provides, its many uses for home gardening, and the fact that it is so easy that the whole family can do it! To continue the education effort for backyard composting, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to offer its residents and visitors the Ocean County Backyard Composting Demonstration Site, located at the County's Northern Recycling Center on New Hampshire Avenue, Lakewood Township. Enjoy touring our site and learning more about home composting!

Freeholder James F. Lacey, Liaison
Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr, Liaison



The County used recycled products as much as possible to construct this site. The benches, recycling/trash collection containers, landscape ties, planters, and bird feeder are made from recycled plastic lumber. Ocean County's compost was used for planting the vegetation.

Names of vendors for the backyard composting units on site:

- 1 Garden Gourmet - Can be purchased from Green Culture, 1-800-233-8438 or www.composters.com.
- 2 Pyramid Composter - Can be purchased from Gardener's Supply, 1-888-833-1412 or www.gardeners.com.
- 3 Tumbling Compost Mixer - Can be purchased from Gardener's Supply. Green Culture also has a similar unit.
- 4 Cedar Bin - Can be purchased from Green Culture. L.L. Bean also has a similar unit, 1-800-441-5713 or www.llbean.com.
- 5 Seattle Composter - Can be purchased from Green Culture.
- 6 Home Composter - Can be purchased from Green Culture. The unit can also be purchased from Green Line Products, 1-888-667-9396 or www.greenline-products.com.
- 7 Mesh Wire Bin - Can be purchased from Green Culture.
- 8 Enviro-Cycle Base Tumbler - Can be purchased from Green Culture. Also available from Plow and Hearth, 1-800-494-7544 or www.plowhearth.com
- 9 Biostack Composter - Can be purchased from Smith & Hawken, 1-800-940-1170 or www.smith-hawken.com. This unit can also be purchased from Green Line Products.
- 10 Earth Engine Double Bin - Can be purchased from Green Culture. Also available from www.nationalgardening.com
- 11 Earth Machine - Can be purchased from Green Culture. This unit can also be purchased from Rainbow Environmental Products, 1-800-842-0527.

For more specific information on the units at our site, please contact the vendor for the unit(s) you are interested in. Though Ocean County has chosen to display these particular units, it does not endorse any one unit. The display of these units is just to let you be aware that there are various composting units on the market that can suit your needs and budget. Also, remember to check with your local garden retail establishments for home composting units.



Homemade units do the job, too!

Don't think that you have to buy a composter to compost. Handmade units can do the job too! Most materials for homemade units can be purchased through your local hardware or building supply store. Here are some easy units that you can make on your own:

