



Why Should We Compost Together?

A Handy Guide to Getting Soil Supporters

Most people really want to do better for the environment. Different reasons may resonate with different people. We've found that most reasons fit into one of these three categories. This guide will help you approach your friends, neighbors and local businesses to ask for their food or yard waste.

Interested in Gardening:

- Can you help me make soil to grow food/flowers in my garden?
- Would you like to help my garden to look better or to grow healthier food?
- Adding compost increases biodiversity in our neighborhood for a healthier ecosystem for all= more butterflies, songbirds, and beneficial insects.

Interested in Waste Reduction:

- Your trash can won't fill up as quickly and it won't get as stinky. You may even need less trash pickups, so you'd save money.
- About 40% of trash people generate is compostable. Want to make less trash?
- Once I started composting, I realized how much food I was buying and not eating. If you start saving your food waste, you might realize that you are wasting a whole lot of food. You could save money by changing your grocery shopping a bit.

Interested in Reducing Impact on the Planet:

- Pinellas County incinerates most of our trash. Wet food waste reduces the energy output of the waste to energy plants.
- Food waste rotting in our landfills produces methane, a harmful greenhouse gas.
- Using compost reduces the amount of fertilizers needed so it reduces runoff into our waterways = fewer algae blooms.