

## **AN EARTH FRIENDLY WAY OF SAVING MONEY!**

Reducing costs has always been important and no more so than now. One of the unique ways Universities are saving money is through composting, and I'm not talking about your small backyard compost pile! Composting can be done on any scale, from backyard containers to large in-vessel composting technology that can handle anything from 6 pounds of waste to 60 or more tons every day. So why is composting becoming more main stream?

1. Composting can decrease waste disposal costs.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) food leftovers are the single largest component of waste in the U.S. – a staggering 96 million pounds of food is wasted every year costing 1 billion dollars in disposal costs.

2. Composting can reduce green house gases.

Food scraps usually end up in landfills where they breakdown and produce methane, a green house gas. On the other hand, when food scraps are composted and mixed with other organic matter and microorganisms, a nutrient rich soil is produced that can be reused for landscaping or gardens.

Here's a list of some of the Universities that are currently composting on Campus:

UC Davis "Project Compost"	<a href="http://www.projectcompost.ucdavis.edu">www.projectcompost.ucdavis.edu</a>
UC Berkeley "Berkeley Worms"	<a href="http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~compost/">www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~compost/</a>
SFSU	<a href="http://www.sfsu.edu">www.sfsu.edu</a>
Humboldt State University	<a href="http://www.humboldt.edu/~recycle/index.htm">www.humboldt.edu/~recycle/index.htm</a>
Chico State University	<a href="http://www.csuchico.edu/as/recycle/program/composting.shtml">www.csuchico.edu/as/recycle/program/composting.shtml</a>
UC Santa Cruz	<a href="http://www2.ucsc.edu/eight/facilities/waste/composting.html">www2.ucsc.edu/eight/facilities/waste/composting.html</a>
Rice University	<a href="http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~recycle/recycle/composting.html">www.ruf.rice.edu/~recycle/recycle/composting.html</a>
Dartmouth College	<a href="http://www.dartmouth.edu/~esd/fall/compost.html">www.dartmouth.edu/~esd/fall/compost.html</a>
Ithaca University	<a href="http://www.ithaca.edu/remp/composting.htm">www.ithaca.edu/remp/composting.htm</a>
University of Waterloo	<a href="http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infowast/composting.html">www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infowast/composting.html</a>
Texas A/M	<a href="http://www.aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/holisticgarden/composting.htm">www.aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/holisticgarden/composting.htm</a>
Cornell University	<a href="http://www.cfe.cornell.edu/compost/schools.html">www.cfe.cornell.edu/compost/schools.html</a>
North Carolina State	<a href="http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/people/faculty/sherman/">www.bae.ncsu.edu/people/faculty/sherman/</a>
Oregon State University	<a href="http://oregonstate.edu/">http://oregonstate.edu/</a>

For more information and to learn how to start your own composting program, visit the EPA composting website:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserv/rrr/composting/index.htm>