

# DENVER COMPOST CHALLENGE

DON'T WASTE THE GOOD STUFF: START COMPOSTING NOW

## IDEAS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

01. Host a table at local neighborhood events or farmers' markets with information about the challenge and composting. Table in a high traffic area such as near a coffee shop or grocery store or local restaurant. In order to make the table fun, think of an activity or game to engage people:
  - Create a compost/recycling quiz focused on what can be composted and what can be recycled. [Here's one](#) you can use (and the [key](#)).
  - Recycling Rodeo: one box for composting, one for recycling, and one for landfill. Gather items to put in the boxes and have people pick where items go.
  - Play Denver Recycles' Waste Sorting Game: [Denver.Recycle.Game](#) If you decide to offer prizes consider something related to composting like BioBags.
02. Use composting education to start larger conversations.
  - For example, in the West Colfax neighborhood, neighbors are asking, "how can we cooperatively support a food system that nourishes us all?" – where "all" includes food insecurity, regional farming families, and soil/ ecosystems hungry for nutrients to be replenished.
  - Go door to door with your home composting bin and invite people to share their coffee grounds from that morning as a conversation starter.
  - Have a conversation about the neighborhood and what it means to be a good neighbor. Invite them to a meeting or event.
03. Invite a Master Composter to answer questions at an event or give a presentation on composting: [DUG.org/MC-Request](http://DUG.org/MC-Request)
04. Get youth involved by holding a poster design competition in your neighborhood or faith community.



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05. Host a panel on a topic related to composting such as food waste or food insecurity and invite local experts to talk about what is currently happening in Denver and how we can all get involved.
06. Host a special event. Invite speakers!
  - Master Composters can answer questions about composting in your backyard, at your community garden, with worms, and more!
  - City representatives can talk about Denver Composts (cart collection) and City events
  - Neighbors who use the green carts and can speak to their experience
  - Representatives from companies that provide service to multi-family homes.
07. Ask local businesses to donate their goods and services for a drawing with all the names of people who signed up for Denver Composts or agreed to share a cart in your neighborhood.
08. Ask for commitments to action after a conversation or invitation. We've created a [form to track commitments](#). Follow up with a supportive call, text, or email to check on their progress or help them achieve their commitment.
09. Host a tour highlighting residents who compost in their own backyards. Turn it into a party by providing refreshments or inviting guests to a potluck!
10. Host a composting workshop at the local community garden. Many [community gardens](#) compost on-site and would gladly accept volunteer help to maintain the pile(s).



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