

COMPOSTING

Composting of food waste removes compostable materials from the waste stream, reducing the overall amount of waste going into landfills. Composted materials are then returned to the ecosystem for beneficial use in farms, gardens and landscapes in parks, golf courses and residences.

Some options for composting:

1. We have an exciting new opportunity at Resurrection Parish. St. Thomas More is now a drop off site for food waste through Zero Waste Wrangler. Their cart is located in the parking lot behind Slater Funeral Home next to the St. Vincent de Paul



collection boxes. The food waste is then delivered to a commercial composter who will turn the waste into compost for use in gardens and landscaping.

- a. To drop off compostables, you first need to have an account with [Zero Waste Wrangler](#). The cost is \$10 per 4 weeks or \$120 per year. As a parishioner of Resurrection Parish, you get a 30% discount by entering “**careforcreation**” as the coupon code. It must be lowercase with no spaces. Go [HERE](#) to set up an account. They will contact you and give you a code to access the Zero Waste Wrangler cart.
 - b. To get started and know what can be composted:
 - i. [Zero Waste Wrangler Residential Compost Quick Start Guide](#)
 - ii. [Zero Waste Wrangler Commercial Compostables Collection Program Acceptable/Unacceptable Items List](#)
 - iii. You can dump your compostables directly into the Zero Waste Wrangler cart, or bring them bagged. If you use a bin liner/bag, it must be [BPI Certified](#), meaning that it is truly compostable. BPI certification should be printed on the bags and the box they come in.
 - iv. Here is a list of companies known for selling compostable bags online at various retailers. Biobag, Duro bag, Superbio, BioTuf, UNNI. Beware of imposters. Look for the BPI certification seal.
2. Curbside compostables pickup: Curbside pickup of compostables is growing. Zero Waste Wrangler/The Compost People do provide this service in our region, but you will need to check with them to ensure that you are in their service area if you opt for curbside pickup. You can find more information [HERE](#). In the South Hills, they offer residential curbside compostables collection services in Dormont, Mt Lebanon, Bethel, parts of Upper St Clair and the City of Pittsburgh.
 3. Home composting: Provided that composting is permitted in your municipality, you can build or purchase a compost bin and compost kitchen and yard waste on your property. You may want to avoid composting animal products such as meat, bones, and fat, as these may attract vermin to your property. Pittsburgh Resources Council (PRC) offers classes for home composting at <https://prc.org/workshops-collection-events/workshops/backyard-composting/>
 4. For more information on Industrial vs Home composting visit: <https://www.zerowaste.com/blog/what-is-industrial-composting/>
Please note that Zero Waste Wrangler and Zero Waste are two different organizations.