

# COMPOSTING: IT'S ONLY NATURAL

Numerous communities in British Columbia offer either drop-off or collection options for composting. Some of these initiatives are grassroots movements linked to community gardens and food security. Whenever feasible, these programs also provide wood chipping services to generate bulk for compost, as food scraps are often dense and rich in nitrogen. Successful composting depends on creating an environment that promotes microbial activity, which requires heat, moisture, oxygen, and a proper balance of nitrogen and carbon.

## Benefits of Composting

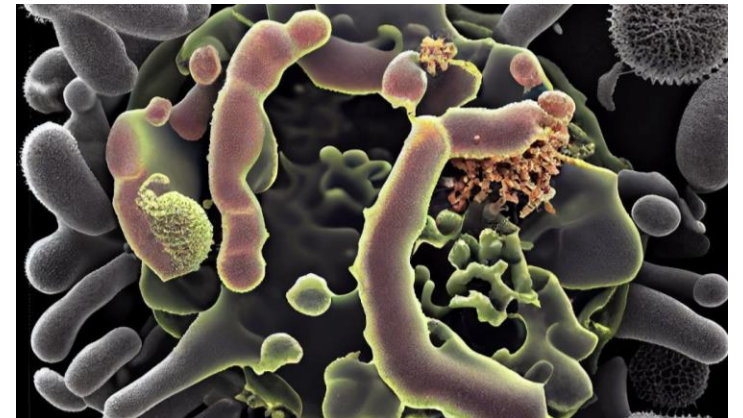
Composting helps minimize organic waste in landfills, thus supporting environmental sustainability. When used correctly, compost improves soil health, increases water retention, and encourages robust plant growth.

## Available Composting Options

Residents have the opportunity to compost at home through various methods. The Regional District supplies educational materials and a Composter Rebate program. Yard and garden waste can be dropped off at the Transfer Station or the Smithers Public Works yard.

## Plans for the Future

The Town of Smithers is considering the development of a composting facility and collection service, which will be backed by substantial grant funding. The Village of Telkwa can either start its own program or participate in a regional service, with implementation anticipated within the next 3-5 years, along with supportive policies and initiatives. If you want to see more composting in Telkwa, let the Village know!



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