

Composting | Fact Sheet

What Is Compost?

Compost consists of plant matter that has been decomposed and recycled as fertilizer or a soil amendment.

Why is this Important?

Compost is a key ingredient in organic farming and provides a natural solution for fertilizing in place of using chemical based alternatives.



Front of House Composting

This terminology refers to composting materials from retail operations of which Elon Dining staff has little control over the waste stream. This process relies on the efforts of students to properly dispose of compostable materials.

We Offer Compostables at: Winter Garden | Fountain Market | Qdoba
Einstein's Bagels | Acorn Coffee Shop

Back of House Composting

This refers to composting materials in campus dining halls that only happens behind the scenes in dish rooms and kitchens. This process is completely controlled by Elon Dining staff and all staff are properly trained on disposal constraints.

We BOH Compost at: Lakeside Dining Hall | Clohan Hall | McEwen Dining Hall

Did you know compost can...

- 🌿 Suppress plant diseases and pests
- 🌿 Reduce or eliminate the need for Chemical fertilizers
- 🌿 Remove hazardous materials from storm water runoff
- 🌿 Destroy 99.6% of volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) in the air
- 🌿 Provide cost savings in a variety of applications