

# Co-op Composting Program

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As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, the Marquette Food Co-op runs a composting program in conjunction with community members.

The Co-op's produce department and kitchen save vegetable scraps and assorted compostable food matter to place in bins for community members to collect for feeding animals or building their compost. These bins are provided by participating community members, which may include home gardeners, hobby farmers or farm businesses. About 2 bins are filled each day.

## How does it work?

- Participants bring 1-2 large, heavy duty Rubbermaid type totes (15 gallon size) labeled with their name and phone number in permanent marker and leave it on rack outside the back door of the co-op (near dumpsters).
- Produce and kitchen employees grab empty bins as needed, fill them with vegetable matter, then place them back on the rack.
- Participants pick up their bin, empty and clean it, then bring it back to the rack to be filled again.
- When all totes are filled, the Co-op will use waxed boxes. Anyone is welcome to take the waxed boxes home.

## Interested?

By signing below, you agree to the following:

- You will check your bin at least weekly.
- Your bin will be returned only after being rinsed.
- You will only take bins marked with your name or waxed boxes. Do not take other marked bins.
- You understand that the Co-op cannot guarantee to have your bin filled by any specific time or with any specific items.

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Name

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Date

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Email

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Phone