



St. Gertrude Parish Composting Program & Gardening Project

All are welcome to be a part of our parish composting program! Those who join our program are welcome to use the parish's new compost tumbler, a user-friendly option that will produce compost at a quicker pace.

If you are interested in joining our composting program, please reach out to Mary Clare Barker at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org for information about the fee and composting *Dos & Don'ts*.

Save the Date!

We hoping to plant many vegetablesand herbs on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00-11:00 am. Bring your garden trowels, tools, andknee pads and help us weed, plant, and water.



Compost Bucket Do's & Don'ts

DO's: Collect in your buckets

1/3 Brown:

- Leaves & dead-headed flowers
- Shredded paper
- Small sticks

1/3 Green:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves of vegetables like broccoli & cauliflower, herbs, & spices

1/3 Food:

- Vegetables and fruit (Chopped up into small parts.)
- Egg shells (Small pieces.)
- Coffee & tea grounds (Tea must be taken out of the tea bag.)

DON'TS: Please do not add these to your bucket

Brown:

- Break it up to only 1/3 of the bucket. Air must be able to circulate.
- No plastic or labels on shredded paper. No magazines or glossy paper.
- No paper towels, napkins, or tissues.

Green:

- Grass clippings must be chemical free at the time of cutting.
- Do not include diseased plants of any kind.

Food:

- No MEAT, BONES, FAT, SKIN, BUTTER, or OLEO!
- No corn cobs
- No plastics of any kind
- No avocado pits or skins
- No flour products, grains, or legumes
- No nuts, seeds, baked goods, or snacks
- No spoiled tofu/tempeh/tomato products
- No old jelly jams or preserves
- No organic house waste