

COMPOST

INCLUDE THE FOOD, PLANTS AND PAPER TOO!



Social Media Guide for Backyard Composting

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) has developed *Compost: Include the Food, Plants and Paper Too!* to educate the public on backyard composting.

Do Your Part — Be Compost Smart. #CompostNC

IMAGE	TEXT FOR FACEBOOK AND TWITTER CAPTION
	<p>Want to keep your garden healthy and reduce your carbon footprint at the same time? Start backyard composting! #CompostNC</p>
	<p>Now is the time to start that backyard compost pile! Here is what you can (and can't) compost! #CompostNC</p>
	<p>Keep your compost bin contaminant free Make sure you keep these items out! #CompostNC</p>
	<p>Want a well-manicured lawn this summer? Toss those grass and plant trimmings in your compost bin. #CompostNC</p>
	<p>Egg shells are a great source of calcium and are good for plant cell growth. Toss them in the compost bin! #CompostNC</p>
	<p>Food waste stops with you! That loaf of stale bread doesn't have to go to the landfill. Toss it in your compost bin! #CompostNC</p>
	<p>When you have leftovers, toss the rice and beans in the compost and reduce landfill space. #CompostNC</p>
	<p>Working from home? After you get your caffeine fix, toss those tea leaves and coffee grounds in your compost bin. #CompostNC</p>



We know you are doing more yard work than ever! Time to start your compost bin, and get rid of all that debris. #CompostNC



Clearing out some brush? Include broken up sticks and leaves in your compost bin. They are a great carbon source! #CompostNC



Not only can coffee grounds go in your compost bin, so can the filters! #CompostNC



Don't put that shredded paper in the recycling bin! The compost bin is a great place for it. #CompostNC



Do you have a drink caddy, paper plate or pizza box without any plastic (shiny) coating? If it is clean and grease-free: recycle it. If it is dirty: compost! #CompostNC



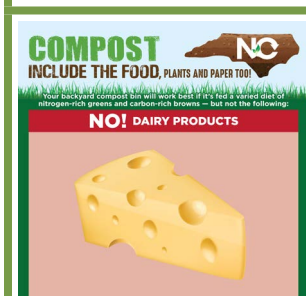
Staying at home more often can lead to using more paper towels and napkins at home. Throw them in your compost bin instead of the trash! #CompostNC



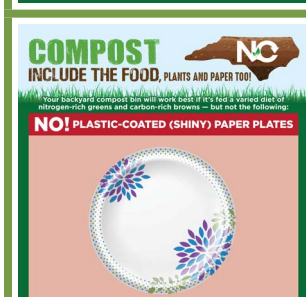
Meat, fish and bones need perfect conditions to break down. They don't belong in your backyard compost bin. Make reasonable portions and avoid food waste! Put leftovers in the trash. #CompostNC



Greasy food will ruin the chemistry of your backyard compost pile. Avoid food waste with good meal planning. When you have oily leftovers, put them in the trash. #CompostNC



Don't put dairy products in your compost bin. They can attract all sorts of unwanted guests to your backyard pile. #CompostNC



It may look like a "paper" plate, but sometimes, it is lined with plastic. If it is shiny, don't use it. If you do, put it in the trash! #CompostNC



Compostable disposables don't break down in your backyard compost! They need perfect temperatures and chemistry. They are trash. Use durable cutlery/cups when possible! #CompostNC



It might look like paper, but that take-out container is lined with plastic. If it is shiny, it is coated. Put it in the trash! #CompostNC



Most disposable cups are trash — not recyclable or compostable. Avoid using them whenever possible and put those you use in the landfill. #CompostNC



Wrappers are not recyclable or compostable. They belong in the trash! #CompostNC



Cleaned up your yard? Ready to reduce what you're throwing away by as much as 50 percent? Always wanted to compost? It's easy! Here's how to get started. #CompostNC



When you compost, nature is your guide. Know what to do in every season to have a great backyard compost pile. #CompostNC



Your compost won't be any smellier or bugger than your trash. Same stuff, different bin! Keep a tight lid to avoid any issues or store it in the fridge/freezer. After dumping your compost out, rinse your indoor bin. #CompostNC



Know which paper products are compostable. Dirty paper (tissues and paper towels) belongs in the compost. Cardboard, clean paper and magazines can be recycled. Lined paper is trash. #CompostNC

