

Co-op Coalition Survey: Composting

10 co-ops responded.

Sent: Mon, May 7, 2018 4:35 pm
 Subject: Co-op Survey: Composting (Due by Fri., 5/18)

Dear Coalition Representatives and Managers,

Does your co-op have a composting program? If not, is it considering/planning on developing one for your co-op? Composting has been popular in Europe for many years and DC is quickly joining the movement. District residents can now drop off food waste at designated farmers' markets in all eight District Wards, free of charge (<https://dpw.dc.gov/foodwastedropoff>). ; A member co-op is working on creating its own compost program for its residents and would like to know what other DC co-ops are doing for composting.

Please let us know by replying to this email and sending your reply by 5pm on Friday, May 18. As always, we will share the results with everyone shortly thereafter. And once again, thanks for helping one another out to avoid reinventing the wheel!

Best,

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<50 units	We do not have a composting program and are not considering it at this time.
<50 units	We don't have a coop-wide compost program but we've made space available for 3 residents to leave their buckets of food scraps to be picked up by a local composting service and will work with others if they want to do the same. Individual residents must pay for the service on their own and make sure that the buckets only contain what the service will pick up. In an ideal world, we would sign up as a coop for this (or similar) service, but we regularly find pizza boxes (with leftover pizza inside) dumped in our recycling bins and furniture and appliances, etc., put into our trash dumpster, though our House Rules make clear that no food should go in the recycling bins and no large items should go in the dumpster. Rules about what can and cannot be composted must be even more meticulously observed than recycling and regular trash pick up, in order to prevent pest infestations and other health hazards. Given this reality, the Board is reluctant to organize and manage a communal composting service.
<50 units	[Our co-op] composts on a voluntary basis. There is no written policy but we do have a composting bin for residents to add their food scrapes. Every Spring resident volunteers turn the pile and put the completed compost in cans to be used on our flower and vegetable gardens.
<50 units	The Norfolk does not perform in composting.
<50 units	We are not doing any co-op sponsored composting. Individual members can drop off at the nearby (2 blocks) farmers market year-round.
<50 units	No. We have no composting program; and have never discussed the idea.
<50 units	Our Coop does not compost.. our members barely recycle .. wish you the best!
99 – 199 units	This topic has been discussed but not implemented to date.
200+ units	[Our co-op] does not.
200+ units	We are considering a composting program.