

Beech Bluff Community Compost Program

Wake County

3321 NC-42, Willow Spring, NC



Mission Statement: The Beech Bluff Community Compost Program was designed and established by the Beech Bluff Agriculture Team to provide the local community with the opportunity to compost their kitchen food scraps and yard waste to divert food waste from going into landfills. We intend to increase knowledge, skills, and opportunities for residents and visitors to compost their food scraps through this donation program and our workshops while modeling different ways that visitors can compost at home, serving as a model for future community compost programs in Wake County and beyond.

General Maintenance, Guidelines, and Expectations:

- Prior to arrival, prepare your food scraps to be donated by doing the following:
 - a. Remove any stickers, twist ties and packaging.
 - b. Chop all your food scraps into small pieces for it to break down easier in our compost. Scrap sizes should be chopped up to the size of a quarter or smaller.
 - c. Place your chopped food scraps into a container and keep in the refrigerator to slow the decay until your ready to attend a drop-off day.
 - d. Refrain from coming on days and times where a drop-off is not offered.
 - e. Only drop-off food scraps when a member of the Compost Team is present!
- There will be standardized drop-off days with two offerings per week. A form will be sent out to participants to vote on the times that work best for them to have drop-off days, with one day being offered during the weekend and one day being offered during the week. The drop-off dates are subject to change based on staff availability, holidays, and participation in the program. All participants will be notified of the drop-off times and if any changes are made to the schedule.
- When accessing the drop-off bins, please only arrive during the designated drop-off times and follow the proper procedures for weighing and donating scraps.

- a. Weigh and log all food scraps zeroing out the scale with the empty weighing pail hanging from it, putting your food scraps into the designated weighing pail and weighing your scraps.
 - b. Complete the food scrap donation form either virtually or on the paper sheet.
 - c. Dump your food scraps into the designated and appropriate donation bin.
 - d. Properly close the bin.
- Only accepted scraps should be donated to the drop-off bins. Consistent donation of unacceptable scraps results in participation in the program being revoked.
 - Staff will help facilitate a composting workshops and educational events where the expertise and diversity within the composting program can be highlighted.
 - Community interaction and collaboration is highly encouraged with public events, social opportunities, and workshops occurring frequently. In addition, willing and experienced composters are encouraged to mentor people who might be new to composting and want to learn more.
 - Wake County will provide a scale and weighing buckets. After use, these materials should be returned to the demonstration garden composting area.
 - Cancellation of participation in the composting program or any major concerns should be reported to staff onsite and/or Assistant Park Manager- Agriculture, Will Ammons, will.ammons@wake.gov, in a timely fashion.