Trash Talk – Composting

Composting is available citywide in Denver. There are currently 23,000 participants. The City Compost program costs only $9.75 per month.

A trash study found that in Denver’s waste

- 25% could be recycled
- 50% could be composted
- 25% is trash for a landfill

However in 2018 Denver only recycled and composted 23% of its waste of an opportunity of 75%.

The #1 contaminant to composting are the little stickers’ fruits and vegetables – think bananas & avocado, etc. People forget to take these off before putting skin in composting.

Important to purchase locally made compost to close the loop. Denver city compost has a partnership with ACE hardware and our local compost is under the ECO GRO logo.

The average canning jar of compost contains billions and billions of microorganisms

Four Ways to Compost

1.) Backyard
2.) Ferma Composting
3.) City Program
4.) Drop off

The city offers learn to compost classes.

Using compost in your garden or yard increases organic matter in the soil and provides the following:

- Helps soil retain water
- Contributes nutrients and helps soil deliver nutrients to plants.
- Improves soil structure for all soil types especially Denver’s clay rich soil
- Promotes healthy plant roots and fights soil born diseases
- Introduces healthy microorganisms into the soil.

For more information please go to:

https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/trash-and-recycling/composting.html