

A Composting Solution for Stormwater Pollution

Composting offers a simple and perhaps unexpected way to protect water quality. Common stormwater pollutants include yard debris, such as leaves and grass clippings, and occasionally limbs. These may seem harmless but can lead to clogged storm drains and even nutrient pollution in Grayson's waterways.

Composting is the process of recycling organic materials such as food scraps and yard debris. It produces a dark, crumbly substance used to grow plants that can reduce the need for fertilizers. Composting also enhances infiltration and water retention in soil, helping to reduce runoff and irrigation needs.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Compost only plant materials
- Use both brown (dead leaves) and green (veggie trimmings) materials
- Layer compost and turn it frequently
- Avoid using meats, dairy, and diseased plants

Composting can be a large- or small-scale operation at your home. Choose what fits you best and start protecting water quality today!

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