



## City of Atlanta General Composting Guidelines



The City of Atlanta collects over 30,000 tons of yard and garden material each year. Much of that material can be easily composted at home instead of being sent to the City facility. Composting grass and leaves at home is an easy and inexpensive way to add nutrients to home gardens, bushes, and trees. If you don't want to wait for leaves and grass to turn into compost, use the blend as mulch around trees and bushes and as a topical dressing on flower beds. This will keep the roots cool, improve soil moisture retention, and as the mulch breaks down it will slowly provide nutrients for the plants, bushes and trees.

Follow these links to find out more about composting and mulching techniques:

<http://www.myecoville.com/us/ga/residential-recycling-programs/composting-yard-trimmings>

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/development/EnvironmentalManagement/publications/composting.pdf>

[http://www.georgiaorganics.org/growing/amendments\\_practices.php](http://www.georgiaorganics.org/growing/amendments_practices.php)

<http://www.southface.org>

**Compost Demonstration sites near Atlanta (call before visiting):**

ATHENS: near the University of Georgia campus, maintained by the University of Georgia Grounds Department (Phone: 706-542-7531)

ATLANTA: at 156 Heaton Park Drive, maintained by the Fernbank Science Center (Phone: 404-378-4314 ext. 318)

ROSWELL: All the Roswell, Georgia recycling stations now have compost demonstration sites. They offer a wide variety of recycling options, including Goodwill charity depositories, tree chipping service and the backyard composting demonstration. No contact information or addresses available at time of listing. Listed 1/8/97.

<http://www.habershamga.com/composting.cfm>

<http://www.acc-recycle.org/composting.htm>

*If everyone composted their own yard trimmings and food residuals at home, many of the world's environmental problems would disappear.*