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## Community Composting Resources Expanded

NERC has published dozens of new educational resources in support of community composting. Thanks to a grant from the US Department of Agriculture, NERC worked with community composting sites in six states to develop and expand such programs. All documents and videos are available for free download from the NERC website.

### Tip Sheets

- [Community Compost Tumbler Systems](#)
- [Community Compost Tumbler Troubleshooting](#)
- [Community Composting - What it Is](#)
- [Community Composting Be a Good Neighbor](#)
- [Community Composting Budgeting & Fundraising](#)
- [Community Composting Effective Signage](#)
- [Community Composting Food Scraps Sample Poster](#)
- [Community Composting Health & Safety Guidance](#)
- [Community Composting Health Safety Guidance for School Composting](#)
- [Community Composting Moisture Assessment video](#)
- [Community Composting Process Management](#)
- [Community Composting Recipe Overview](#)
- [Community Composting Recordkeeping Essentials](#)
- [Community Composting Regulations](#)
- [Community Composting Site Design](#)
- [Community Composting Site Good Neighbor Tips](#)
- [Community Composting Site Operations](#)
- [Community Composting Site Plan](#)
- [Community Composting Starting Small](#)
- [Community Composting Volunteer Engagement Retention](#)
- [Community Composting Volunteer Job Planning Recruitment](#)
- [Community Composting Volunteer Training Orientation](#)
- [Community Food Waste Composting Flier Sample](#)
- [Science of Composting for Community Composting](#)
- [Site Inspection Form - Community Composting](#)
- [Volunteer Engagement Retention](#)

### Videos

- [Finished Compost video](#)
- [Moisture Assessment video](#)
- [Shared Leadership video](#)
- [Tumbler Troubleshooting video](#)
- [Volunteer Engagement video](#)

### Other

- [ABCD Toolkit \(Asset Based Community Development\)](#)
- [Community Composting – Does Summer Sun make Compost Too Hot? - Blog](#)
- [Community Composting Site Inspection Form](#)
- [Composting 101 - PowerPoint training](#)
- [COVID-19 and Community Composting Guidance](#)
- [Local Opportunities, Issues and Priorities Evaluation](#)
- [Mapping Reciprocal Partnerships Exercise](#)
- [SMART Goal Setting](#)
- [Volunteer Engagement & Retention Guide](#)

### Webinars

- [Best Management Practices for Community Composting - Webinar Recording](#)
- [Best Management Practices for Community Composting Team Building - Webinar recording](#)
- [Community Composting Best Management Practices - PowerPoint presentation](#)
- [Community Composting Success Webinar Team Building](#)
- [Community Food Scrap Composting Training Presentation](#)
- [Getting Started with Community Composting webinar presentation](#)
- [Getting Started with Community Food Scrap Composting - webinar recording](#)

A team of organics experts was assembled to work with NERC to develop the training and educational resources. The expert team was led by Natasha Duarte, Director, Composting Association of Vermont. Other experts included Libby Weiland, Statewide Network Coordinator, Vermont Community Gardens Network; Dawn Pettinelli, Assistant Extension Educator, Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture, University of Connecticut Soil Nutrient Analysis Lab; Jean Bonhotal, Director, Cornell Waste Management Institute (CWMI), Department of Crop and Soil Sciences; and, Beret Halverson, State Coordinator, UVM Extension Master Gardener & Master Composter Program.

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