

CLEAN WATER BEGINS AT HOME



COMPOSTING

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Composting is an earth-friendly activity as long as some common sense rules are followed. If you choose to compost, you might consider the following:

- Home compost piles should be located on an unpaved area where runoff can soak into the ground or be filtered by grass and other vegetation. Compost piles should be located in an area of your yard that is not prone to water ponding during storms and should be at least 25 feet away from wetlands, streams, lakes, and other drainage paths.
- Do not put meat, dairy products, hazardous waste, or non-compostable waste in the pile.
- Cover the compost pile or compost in a container for two reasons:
 - 1) To keep stormwater from washing nutrients into waterways, and
 - 2) To keep excess water from cooling down the pile, which will slow down the rate of decomposition.
- Build bins of wood, chicken wire, or fencing material to contain compost so it can't be washed away. Call Clark County Master Composters/Recyclers at (360) 882-0936 to get free compost bin designs and materials lists.
- Build a small ridge of soil around your compost pile as a means of preventing nutrient-rich compost drainage from reaching storm water paths.

For more information call (360) 342-5070 or check out our website at www.cityofbg.org

