

Compost Conversation Notes - Thursday, Sept 4, 2025

After a presentation by Whidbey Compost Collective, attendees broke into groups to discuss the questions below.

1. What would be required for you to overcome any obstacles to composting your kitchen scraps?

- A place to drop compost scraps, since I have limited space currently and the landlord prohibits composting
- Have a practical receptacle to save compost scraps in - that or show people what to save compost in to prevent bugs, rodents and smells.
- County needs to have a compost container at the recycle drop off
- USL - effective advocacy with Island County
- Place to put compost when it leaves the kitchen
- Need centralized location
- Provide bokashi buckets and inoculants
- WCC could provide (Sell) the buckets
- Need to cooperate with neighbors to have enough scraps
- Unable to have chickens
- Connect with Whidbey Prepares, so neighbors are organized
- We need inoculants

2. What would you like to share about how you are already composting?

- Worm bins - wooden bins
- Worm bins using metal garbage cans with holes drilled in them and partially buried in the ground: that allows worms to come and go, and keeps the temperature regulated
- half-buried container in the ground, with worms: 3' down; 3' up.

3. Would you use a service like Whidbey Compost Collective, if you could bring your scraps to a central location? What would make it more attractive/easy to use?

- Yes
- Yes, provide central location and guidelines
- 5 gallon bucket with lid - offer dropping off and getting a new (clean) bucket
- Membership fee - make it fair
- Yes, if Whidbey Compost Collective came up with a bin that they sell to consumers
- Make it like a diaper service ("Kitchen diapers") you drop off a dirty bucket and get a clean one

4. What are you willing to start doing tomorrow, to move our community along the path to a circular food loop?

- Spread the word
- Try to educate the public
- Evangelize - Monday - talk to 3 people
- Collect buckets and rotate delivery

- Membership
- Churches
- Find local bins and capacity to process more compost
- Ask Gideon Freudmann - Cello bop - to write a jingle - entertain!
- Become a member of Whidbey Compost Collective ([sign up](#))