

Start a compost pile

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Go green — and get your hands dirty — by composting. Think about all of those banana peels, garden clippings, and coffee grinds or tea bags that you toss in the garbage each day. Bring your trash full circle by composting; it's like a fun science experiment in your backyard when you turn garbage into nutrient-rich soil for your garden.

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Composting is an old practice that has a big impact on our environment. Whether you're a master composter or someone who doesn't know a compost pile from a hole in the ground, opportunities around Pittsburgh will help you to get down and dirty with natural recycling:

[Pennsylvania Resources Council](#). A sort of one-stop-shop for backyard or indoor composting, PRC has a variety of ways to learn about turning your trash to soil treasure. Search their site for a list of classes and events available year-round.

[Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh](#). If you're a bookworm that wants to learn more about vermicomposting, or a beginner composter that wants to know if you can compost coffee grounds, CLP has books for every composter's taste.

[The Pittsburgh Garden Experiment](#). An open forum for all things gardening in Pittsburgh, the PGE gets some great local gardeners in one place to share stories and learn from other locals.

CO2 savings per year: **1092 pounds**

