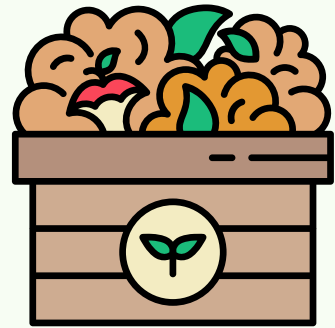


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Backyard composting. All organic refuse (except for meat and dairy products) are piled together and overtime decompose. [Visit the EPA website to learn more.](#)



Vermiculture or vermicomposting uses red worms to hasten the breakdown of organic materials. [Read this article from Michigan State University to learn more.](#)



Bokashi composting is a process by which organic materials, including dairy and meat, are quickly fermented in an air-tight container. [Learn how with this guide.](#)

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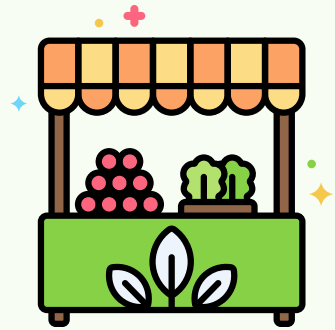
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Drop-off your composting at The Bike Farm stand at Kalamazoo Farmer's Market. [Follow this link for instructions.](#)