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Gardening and Composting

- <http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/RecyclingandSolidWaste/OrganicsandComposting/AllAboutComposting#AllAboutComposting>

Click above to get a simple how-to guide for getting your first composting pile started.

- <http://www.cityofmaplewood.com/index.aspx?NID=128>

Interested in greening your front yard? Check out this website from Maplewood instructing you how to contact the Maplewood Public Works department about getting trees planted in the space between the sidewalk and curb in front of your home.



- <http://www.gatewaygreening.org/blog/>
Gateway Greening is one of the leading advocates and educators in St. Louis regarding the importance and value to be found in community gardens. Go to their website and learn how to get involved in St. Louis community gardens.
- <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/composting/compost1.htm>
Check out the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' comprehensive how-to guide on composting for some great tips and resources.
- <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/street/refuse/recycle/compostresources.cfm>
This website from the City of Saint Louis has a calendar of events for interesting speakers, classes and publications available in the City. Be aware that many of the collection services spoken about are for City of Saint Louis Residents only.
- <http://grownative.org/plant-picker/>
Use this website to choose beautiful and native plants for your garden and create a handsome yard that reflects the value of sustainability and buying local.
- <http://mdc.mo.gov/your-property/problem-plants-and-animals/invasive-plants>
Find out more about the invasive species that are negatively affecting Missouri's eco-system and how you can combat them in your own backyard through this resource from the Missouri Department of Conservation.