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THE BIODEGRADABLE BUZZ

NEWSLETTER



QUARTERLY UPDATES

- Happy Spring, composters! This quarter, you've helped to divert 12,600 pounds of waste from the Cincinnati landfills! We are profoundly grateful; this wouldn't be possible without you.
- You asked in the end-of-year-surveys for more updates about what's going on with QCC, and this Newsletter is our way of keeping you in the loop. We'll be sending them via email quarterly (4x a year). Please let us know if you don't want to receive them and we'll take you off the email list.
- Because our ability to live more in relationship with our earth shouldn't be reliant on our income, we have restructured our payment system to a sliding-scale model. This means that the residential drop-off bins will be available for \$5/month (low-income), \$10/month (middle-income), and \$15/month (high-income). Check out our website for more details about the sliding-scale model! Reach out to us if you would like to switch your payment option and we'll apply it to your account.
- A shout-out to our newest partners and composters! This past month, Sidewinder Coffee in Northside and CAIN in Northside started composting with QCC. We've also begun partnering with Olivia Wilmink at Better Bin Compost (@betterbincompost) as we are combining our scrap collections at Camp Washington Urban Farm.

LOCAL COMPOSTING NEWS

- There are so many folks working on ways to rebuild our food system equitably while centering anti-racism, anti-capitalism, and the knowledge of indigenous communities that came before us. We joined over 100 community composters from across the country to complete Soul Fire Farm's Anti-Racism in the Food System Training. Check out their work at <https://www.soulfirefarm.org/>.

REMINDERS

- To maintain easy unlocking at the drop-off bins, when you lock the bin back up, please make sure the red line on the bin's lock faces you and to the right.
- Every Wednesday from 4pm-7pm, we are at the Northside Farmer's Market located behind North Church. Anyone signed up for a monthly subscription can drop off their compost for free while also shopping for local fruits, veggies, breads, meats, and dairy.
- Don't forget to follow us on social media! We are active on Instagram (@queencitycommons) and Facebook.

COMPOSTING TIPS, TRICKS, & FACTS

- It's gardening season! Before tossing your peppers, fruits, and other seed-filled veggies, scrape out their seeds for your garden! Bell peppers are easy to harvest seeds from, and they grow abundantly in Ohio weather.
- The power of microbe reproduction is strong! Our compost piles can reach up to 120-170 degrees Fahrenheit, even in the dead of winter!

