

Biodegradable BOOS!

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Join us for a **Cooperative Community Party**

on **October 17th**, 1-4pm
1413 Knowlton St. 45223

Come celebrate the end of the growing season with us and our friends at **Big Table Farm Cooperative**. Join us for:

- **compost and gardening skillshares**
- **kids' activities**
- **split the pot raffle**

Bring food to share in the **potluck**.

Enter Our **SPOOKIEST, SCARIEST, GOOPIEST PUMPKIN CONTEST!**

and **win a free year of food
scrap drop-off**. See details
at the end of the email.



Newport, KY



**Spring Grove
Village**

New Residential Drop-off Sites

Just dropped at:

- **Roebeling Books and Coffee** in **Newport, KY**
- **Winton Community Free Methodist Church** in **Spring Grove Village**

Composter Corner

Notes for QCC
Dropoff Households

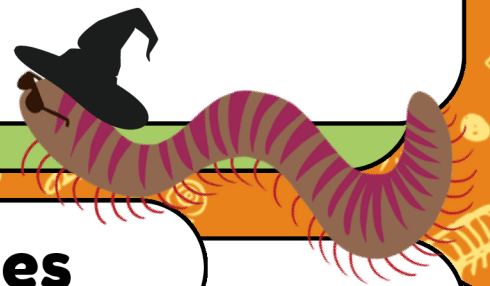
Compost Giveback

Sign-up is open until October 7th for fall compost giveback. Check the details posted on the [MakeSoil](#) page of your drop-off site for picking up your free compost between Oct. 9th - Nov 1st.

Chuckin' Your Pumpkin

Here is our annual reminder on **pro tips** for composting your now-gone-goopy pumpkins with us:

- **We do not accept** pumpkins with paint or glitter.
- **Chop those pumpkins up!** Make bins easier to manage and leave space for everyone to drop off their pumpkins by chopping pumpkins into pieces.



Sweet News for Food Pantries



Did you know: Pastries are a common sight in pantry compost bins - pantries often get much more than they can give away.

Food pantries receive large donations of food, often daily. By the time food donations reach a pantry, some of that food inevitably can no longer be eaten. **Food pantries then bear the brunt of getting rid of these food scraps** - often upwards of **28,000 pounds each year** for one pantry.

Through an initiative of **Hamilton County Resource**, we're excited to provide composting service to **Last Mile Food Rescue** and **the Freestore Foodbank and their partner pantries**, ensuring these food scraps feed hungry compost piles when they can no longer feed people.

Ohio EPA Dives Into Compost

The Ohio EPA (OEPA) oversees solid waste management and permitting for composting sites within the state. We've been energized to participate in the following efforts this year to build compost power here in Ohio.

This summer, we hosted OEPA as they visited Cincinnati to tour a couple of our partner composting sites and check out our residential drop-off program - getting on-the-ground insight into how a decentralized network of composting sites can serve as viable infrastructure for food scrap diversion.

Over the last few months, OEPA has also been developing its first-ever statewide Organics Materials Management Plan. Stakeholder organizations from across the state - including QCC - helped provide insight into the needs and challenges of current organics management. This plan, published in September, will help shape composting strategies for communities across Ohio.



Touring the Common Orchard compost site



Say Hi to Marisa!

Marisa joined our team this spring and serves a dual role as Community Ambassador for our residential drop-off program, and as our Accountant, applying her background in financial services to her work with QCC. When she's not balancing the books or talking compost, you can find her hiking with her dog Petri, birdwatching, reading, or experimenting in the kitchen.

Welcome Some of Our New Commercial Customers

Monarch House

**Roebeling Books and
Coffee Newport**

**86 Coffee Bar
at CCM**