Morgan County Preparedness Project

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“Composting”

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What is Composting?

Why should we compost?

To eliminate the burden on local landfills and produce a useful product at home.

Who should compost?

Everyone! No matter how many are in your household or where you live composting is attainable for everyone. It would be a grand vision if even our large institutions such as hospitals schools & restaurants were to take the lead in composting their wastes.

What should we compost?

Aside from bones, which can be composited only take longer to decompose there is no limit to what can go into your composter. If you are uncomfortable with a particular product, simply eliminate it from your composter pile.

What is needed to compost?

Air – Water –

Green Materials – Bown Materials

Worms for extra boost!

Methods of Composting

Livestock

When we are feeding our kitchen & garden wastes to any of our livestock we are getting a double return.

First in their bi products such as meat milk or eggs and then again in their waste products.

Countertop Composter

Essentially these are not actually a method of composting because of their size.

They do make a great vessel to catch your kitchen scraps and carry to your chosen method of composting.
Starting price around $20.

Electric Countertop Composter

They do make for quick compost with two drawbacks.

They require electric and require a particular bi-product (the brown) to be purchased and added to the machine. These start I price around $140.

Homemade Kitchen Composter

These Five Gallon Bucket Systems can be either your start to finish composting method or a way to save and haul outside to your preferred method of composting.

How To Build The Ultimate Compost Bin

The Ultimate Compost bin

A system such s this allows you a three-year completion process.

Building one a year and rotating through them.

Single Skid Compost System

This is the simplest and least expensive outdoor compost system.

Allowing rainwater to keep it moist and the worms and other beneficial insects to come through the ground to help decompose.

Commercial Black Composter

These are nice and compact systems.

Stirring can be a little difficult, but again they allow for beneficial insects to help decompose your waste.

Water must be added to keep the moisture. Starting price around $140.

Homemade Off the Ground Rolling Composter

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Rolling Composter

There are drawbacks to this method.

Beneficial insects, as well as water, must be added.

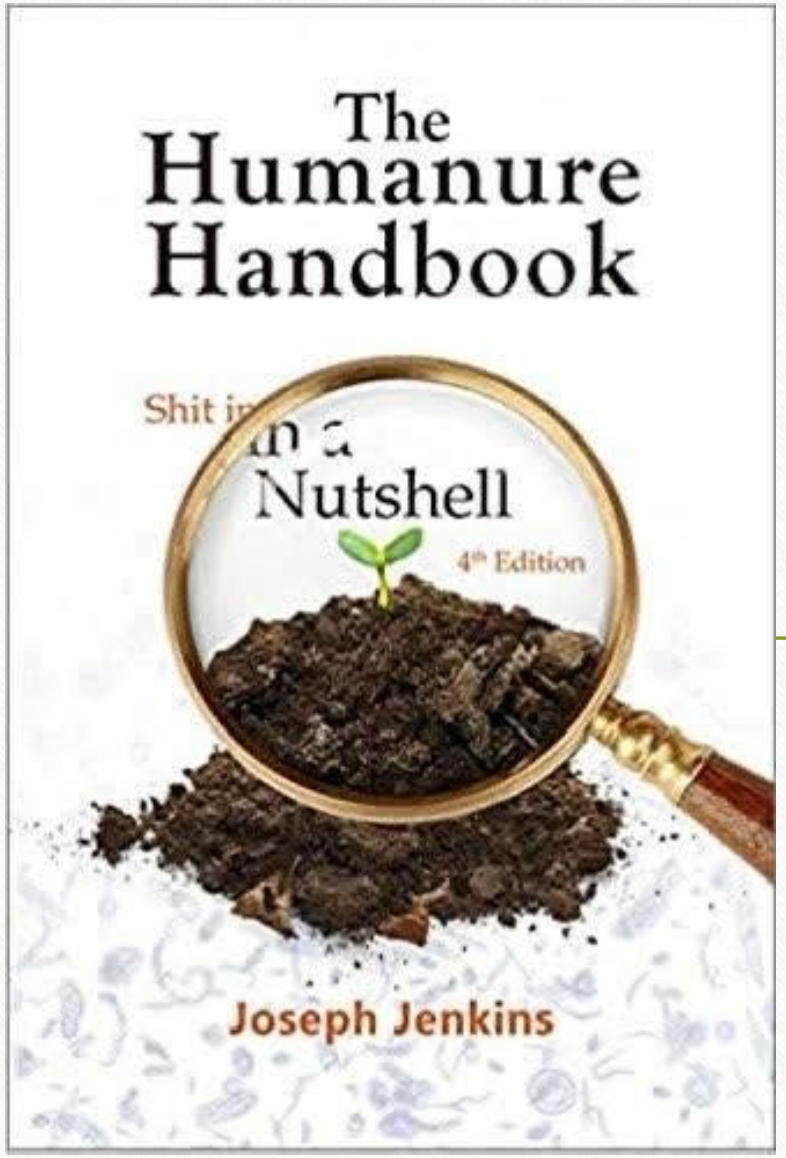
A plus to this method is that it is easier to stir.

These can be purchase for around $40.

DIY Worm Composter

Purchase Worm Composter

Starting around $60.



The Humanure Handbook

If this is of interest to you, the books sells for around $15 and it's an excellent resource.

The Luggable Lou

Good for home and on the road

for any unforeseen emergencies.

The Good Old-Fashioned Outhouse

A nice alternative when there is a need.

Sunar Composting Toilet

If you ever are considering establishing yourself a dry home, this is an expensive route but, typically approved by most counties nationwide.

Composting

The art of turning waste into a useful product.

An act of servant hood that everyone can participate in no matter location or size.

Our Next Class

Foraging for Food

Wednesday, May 13th @ 6 PM
Saturday, May 16th @ 10 AM

Location “to Be Determined”

(Southern End of Winchester Grade Road)

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