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Campbell County Environmental Education Center Newsletter

Winter 2025

Getting Started with Composting

Source: Rick Durham, Extension Professor

Composting is a great way to add valuable organic matter to your soil while reducing the amount of yard and food waste that ends up in landfills. It's also something that is remarkably easy to do.

Compost is the result of a natural process where decaying organic substances, such as plants, are broken down by microorganisms. This produces a nutrient-rich, organic material that you can apply to your lawn or garden, much like you would a commercial fertilizer.

You can start a compost bin or pile in your backyard. You can purchase a bin or make one using inexpensive, leftover materials like pallets or chicken wire. The bin can be as big or small as you want, but for most rapid composting, a pile that is at least one yard tall, one yard wide and one yard long is best. Make sure to place your compost in an area that is flat and well-drained.

When the compost area is ready, collect yard waste and food scraps. Yard waste can include twigs, shrub trimmings, grass clippings, leftover straw and leaves. Most fruit, vegetable and grain scraps are compostable as are coffee grounds, herbs, nuts and egg shells. Avoid meat scraps, oils and dairy products. You need to have a mixture of "brown" material (dried leaves, straw, twigs, coffee grounds, even cardboard) and "green" materials (fresh grass clippings, vegetable scraps, other fresh plant materials) for the composting process to work.

Mix or turn the pile once a week to help speed the breakdown of organic materials. If the compost pile is extremely damp, turn it more often. If it is dry, add some water or fresh plant material. It can take four to six months to complete the composting process. You will know it's finished when the compost is dark brown, crumbly and smells like soil.

Compost can be used in the vegetable garden or spread around ornamental plants in the landscape, but be careful not to use too much. A one-inch layer of compost, worked into the top few inches of soil, will feed plants for several months.

More information on composting or other gardening tips is available at the Campbell County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.



What's Up Next?

January 9th - 11:00am *Animal Adaptations*

January 15th - 5:30pm *4-H Nature Club*

January 22nd - 2:30pm *Animal Adaptations*

January 28th - 10:00am *Animal Adaptations*

January 29th - 4:30pm *4-H Nature Weaving*

January 30th - 7:00pm *How to Sell Timber From Your Land*

February 3rd - 4:00pm *4-H After School Art*

February 4th - 2:30pm *Nesting Wreaths*

February 10th - 4:00pm *4-H After School Art*

February 12th - 2:00pm *Build a Birdhouse*

February 14th - 10:00am *Nesting Wreaths*

February 17th - 4:00pm *4-H After School Art*

February 19th - 5:30pm *4-H Nature Club*

February 24th - 4:00pm *4-H After School Art*

February 26th - 2:00pm *Nesting Wreaths*

March 4th - 2:00pm *Build a Birdfeeder*

March 8th - 10:00am *Oyster Mushroom Workshop*

March 11th - 10:00am *Birding Walk*

March 13th - 10:30am *Build a Birdfeeder*

March 19th - 5:30pm *4-H Nature Club*

March 20th - 9:30am *Birding Walk*

March 25th - 2:00pm *Birding Walk*

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Animal Adaptations

Campbell County Environmental Education Center

Come enjoy an indoor program on the animals of Campbell County and the unique traits that help them survive in the wilderness!

January 9th, 11:00am

January 22nd, 2:30pm

January 28th 10:00am

Register by calling 859-572-2600 / 859-694-1666
or visiting <http://campbell.ca.uky.edu/>



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Nature Club



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4-H Youth Development

2024-2025 Meeting Dates



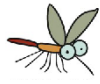
Sept. 18



Dec. 18



Mar. 19



Oct. 23



Jan. 15



Apr. 16



Nov. 6



Feb. 19



5:30pm-6:30pm

Environmental Education Center
(near AJ Jolly Park)

Ages 5-15

Register online at campbell.ca.uky.edu or by phone: (859) 572-2600.

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Nature Weaving

January 29, 4:30-6:30

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Join us for this program...

HOW TO SELL TIMBER FROM YOUR LAND

- How to Maximize Your Profit
- Timber Sales Contracts
- Best Management Practices While Logging
- Helpful Resources Available to Landowners



January 30, 2025 7:00 pm

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**Questions?
Call the
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AFTER SCHOOL ART

February 3, 10, 17, 24

4:00pm-5:00pm

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NESTING WREATHS

2/4, 2:30PM ♦ 2/14, 10:00AM ♦ 2/26, 2:00PM

Join us for a fun and helpful craft for our feathered friends. Use your imagination to make a nesting wreath for the birds this spring!

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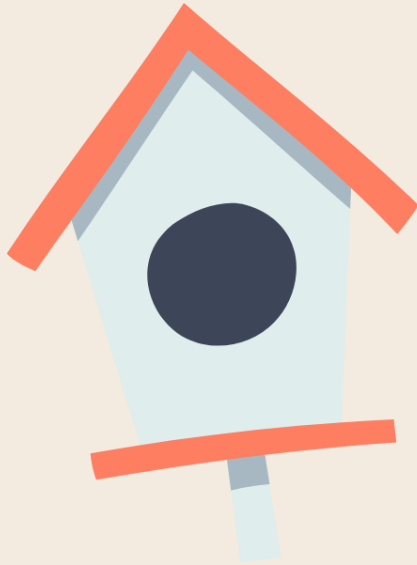
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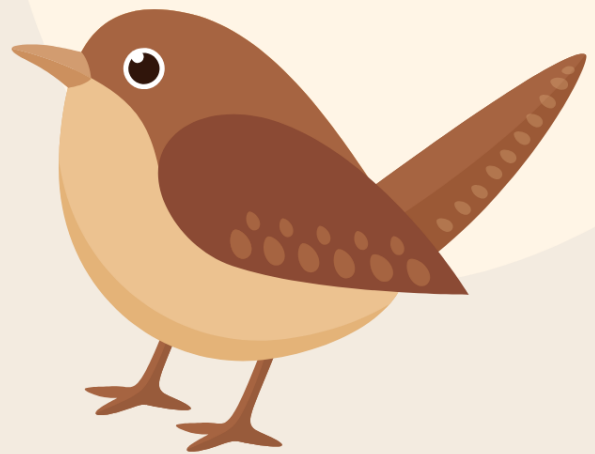
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**BUILD A
BIRDHOUSE**

**FEB 12TH,
2:00PM**



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BUILD A BIRDFEEDER

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MARCH 4, 2:00PM
MARCH 13, 10:30AM

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Oyster Mushroom Workshop

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Saturday
March 8, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Oyster mushrooms can be grown indoors for their gourmet and nutritional value. Participants will learn how to grow them and take home a kit capable of producing oyster mushrooms.

Limit – one kit per household.

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DJ. Scully

Instructor:
DJ. Scully, Campbell County Extension
Agent for Natural Resources and
Environmental Management

Call by Friday, March 7th to sign up for this workshop. Registration is limited to 30 participants.

The class is intended for adults.

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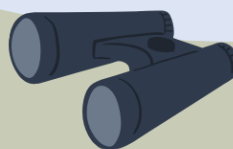
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BIRDING WALK

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MARCH 20, 9:30AM
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