

MANSFIELD SCHOOLS' COMPOSTING JOURNEY



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Your place to grow

On-site Composting at Four Schools

- Southeast Elementary – 1997
- Goodwin Elementary – 1998
- Vinton Elementary - 1998
- Mansfield Middle – 2000



Incremental Baby Steps

- Began with one school
- School steering committee
- Pilots



On-site Compost Bins



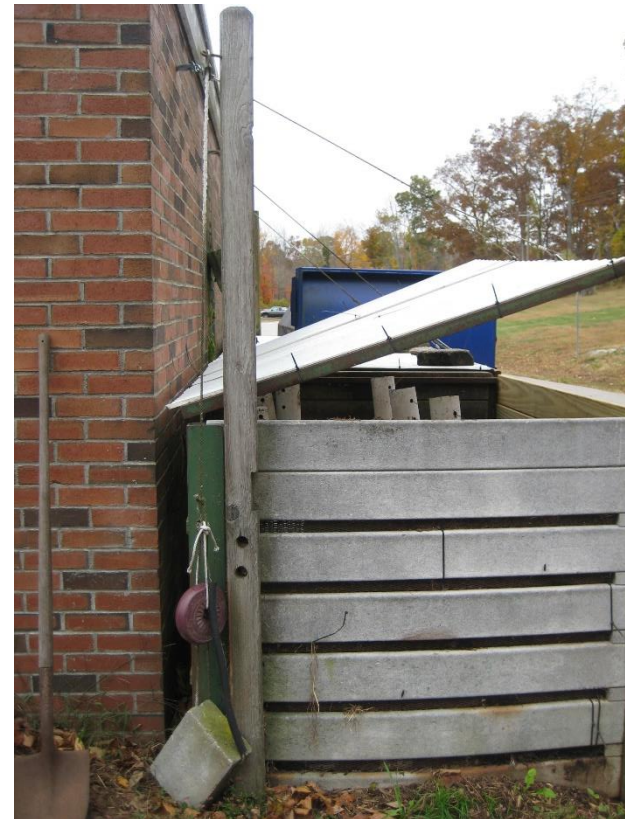
Bin Design

Built for tractor bucket access



Easy Open Lids

Hinged counterweighted lids



Student Involvement

Screening compost



Finished Compost

- Start plants in school greenhouse



- Use in native plant garden



Learn how Mansfield Middle School has created a unique on-site, school-wide food waste composting program

Mansfield Middle School where Compost Happens



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School Composting

A Manual for Connecticut Schools



The Next Step
In Recycling



From On-site to Off-site Composting

DEEP demonstration project
Use Transfer Station leaf pile



Transfer Station Leaf Pile Management

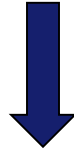
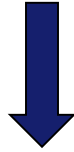


Less Packaging = Less Compost Contamination

Washable and non-toxic stainless steel



New Lunch Line Looks Like This:



Preventing Wasted Food

- Cooking on-site
- Local produce/milk
- Taste testing
- Share tables
- Leftovers to the soup kitchen





FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://mansfieldct.org/mms-compost/manual.pdf>

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